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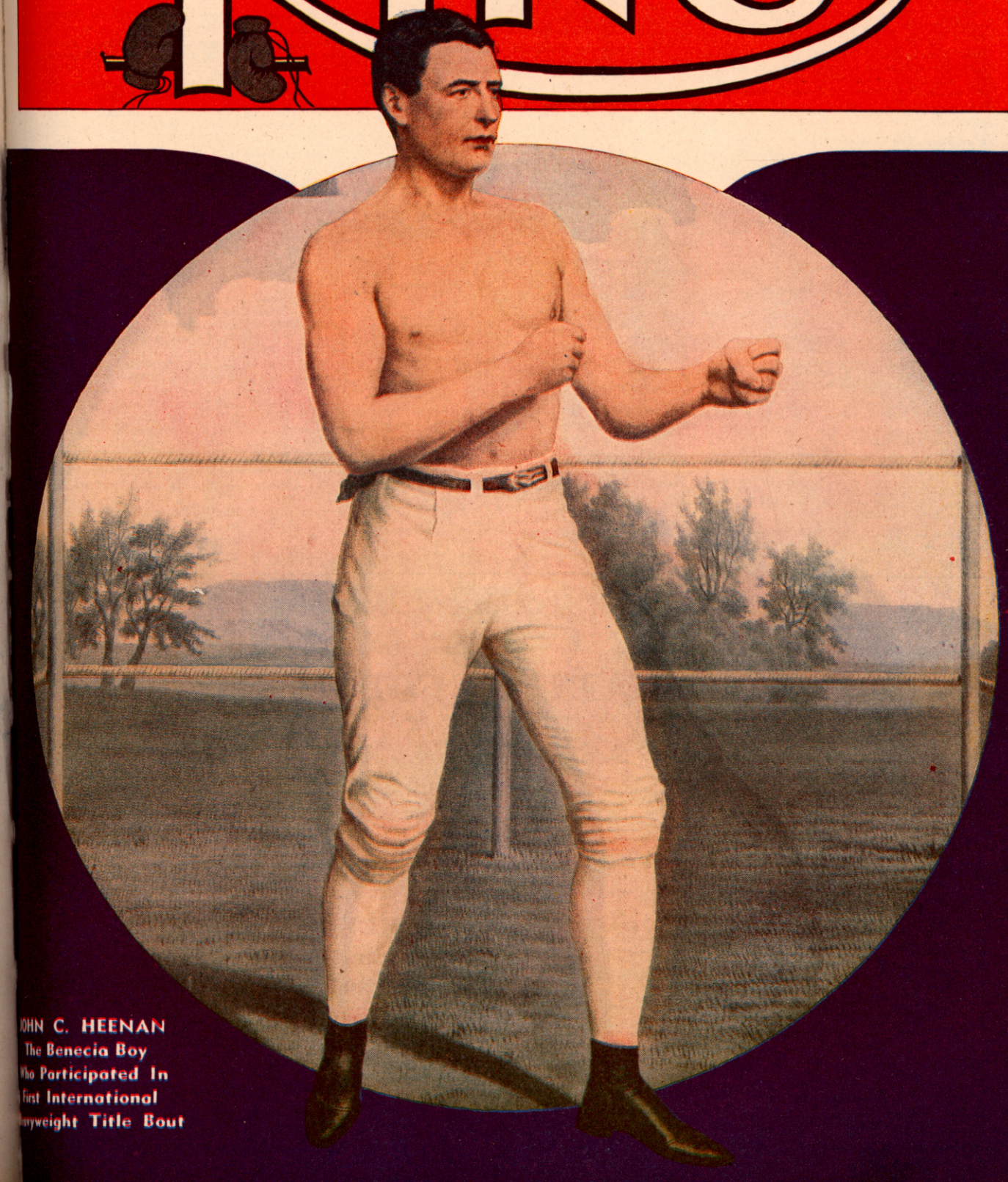

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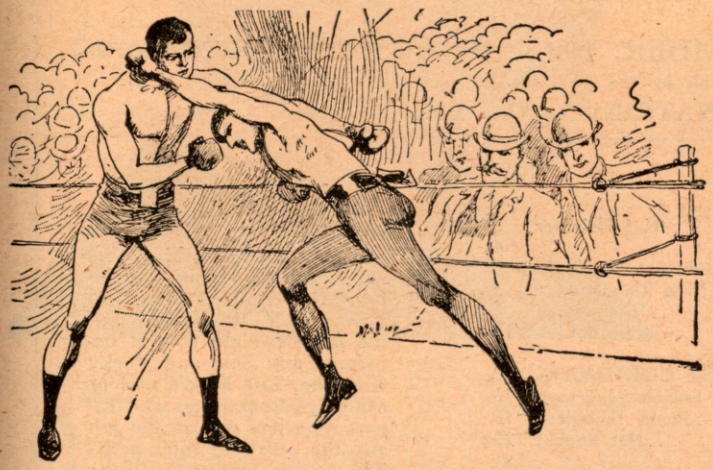

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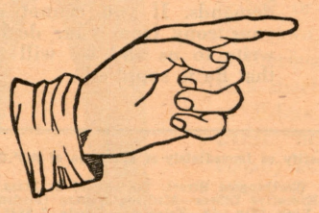

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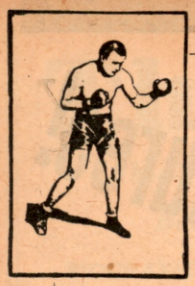

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BOXING'S RED LETTER DAY

The Horton Law Legalized the Sport in New York — Sam Austin Called the Thrilling George Dixon-Tommy White 20-Round Bout, a Draw — the First Decision Rendered Under Police Supervision

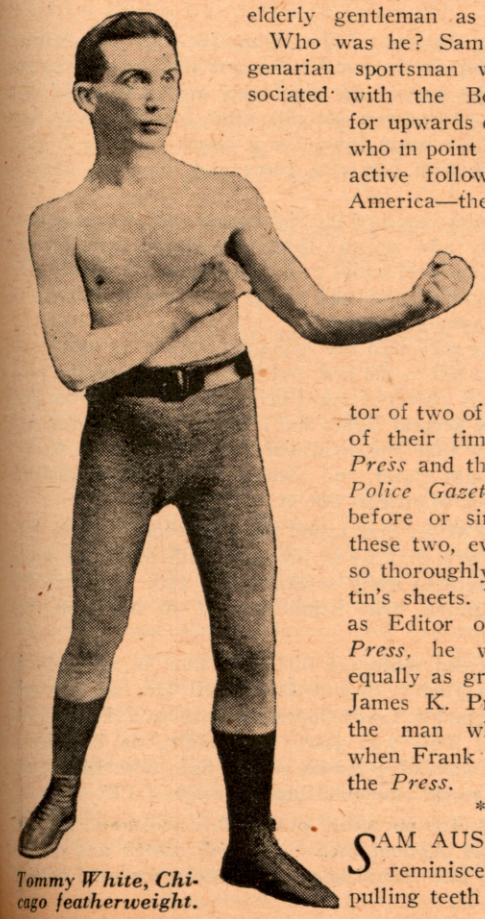
By NAT FLEISCHER

Sam Austin, referee of the Dixon-White bout.

SITTING at the ringside of the Croat A.C. of The Bronx in New York City a few weeks ago, was a gentlemanly old fellow whose Winston Churchill appearance, with bald head, keen eyes and big cigar in his mouth attracted the attention of many fight fans. Few in the arena other than the scribes knew the man and even among the newspaper reporters covering the fights, I venture to say that not one other than the veteran Damon Runyon knew the background of this fine sportsman.

After the announcer had finished his routine announcements and had introduced the boys in the main event, he named one of the judges, then pointed towards the man to whom our attention had been attracted, and named this elderly gentleman as the other official.

Who was he? Sam Austin, the octogenarian sportsman who has been associated with the Boxing Commission for upwards of fifteen years and who in point of age, is the oldest active follower of fisticuffs in America—the dean of pugilism.



Tommy White, Chicago featherweight.

This 81 years old judge of boxing at one time rated tops among world referees. He was sports editor of two of the greatest papers of their time, the New York *Press* and the *Richard K. Fox Police Gazette*. No publication before or since the demise of these two, ever covered boxing so thoroughly as did Sam Austin's sheets. When Sam retired as Editor of the New York *Press*, he was succeeded by equally as great a sportsman in James K. Price, my old boss, the man whom I succeeded when Frank A. Munsey bought the *Press*.

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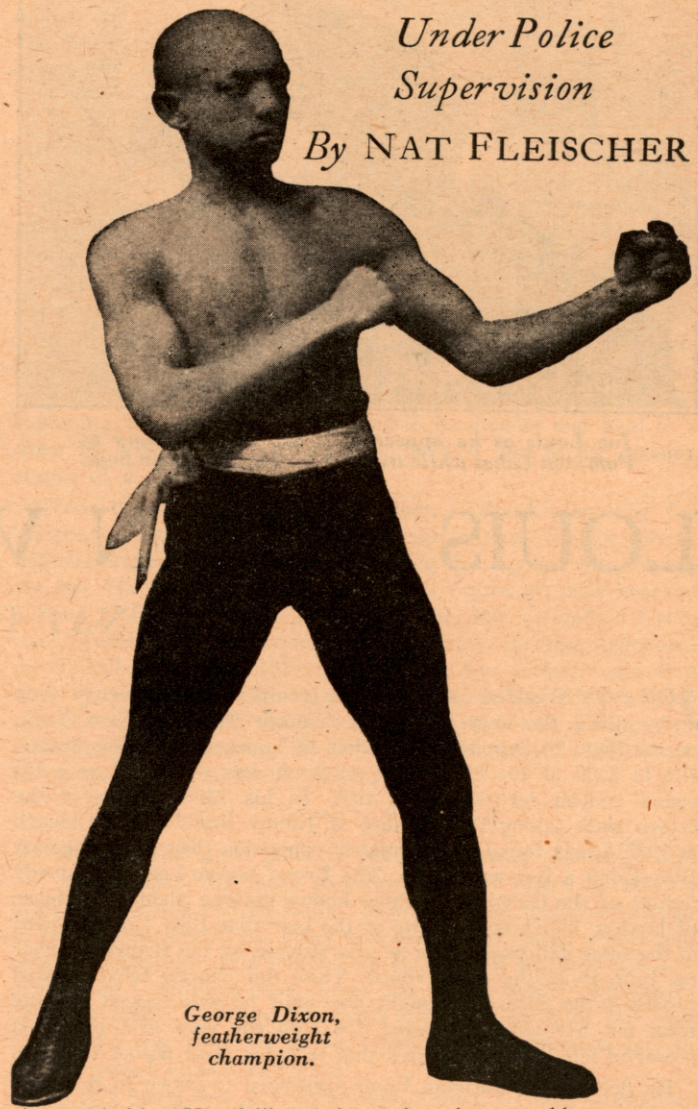
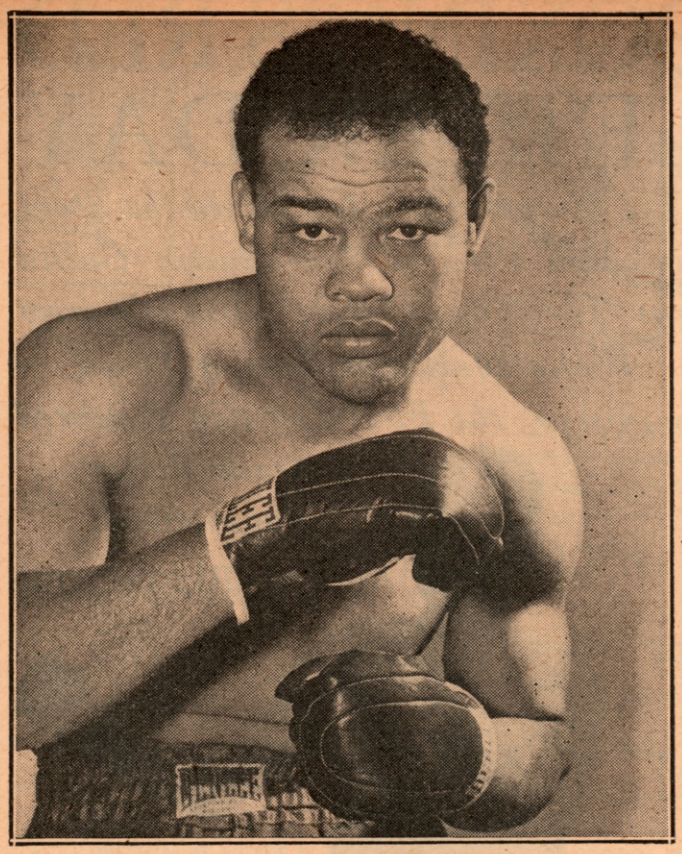
SAM AUSTIN is not of the reminiscent type. It is like pulling teeth to obtain an interview with him. He dislikes being referred to as old or even as a veteran. He says one is as old as he feels, and so far as he is concerned, he never thinks of old age.



George Dixon, featherweight champion.

For upwards of sixty years Sam has followed boxing as writer, promoter, referee, stake holder, matchmaker and judge. Through his hands in the "good old days" of the sport passed more than a million dollars in stake money. Among the bouts in which he acted as third man in the ring, were some of the world's most thrilling.

He ruled the roost over the greatest sports paper of his era at a time when this country boasted of the world's outstanding fistic scribes, most of whom, like Sam, did considerable refereeing. Austin was contemporaneous with such famous officials as Billy Roche, Tim Hurst, Patsy Sheppard, Malachy Hogan, Charley White, Parson Davies, Ed Smith, and George Siler, among others, men who knew the game inside out and upon whose judgment millions were wagered annually. *(Cont. on page 35)*



Joe Louis as he appeared at his training camp at Pompton Lakes while training for the Mauriello bout.

Tami Mauriello, New York's heavyweight, posing after completing a workout at the Park Arena.

LOUIS AGAIN VICTOR *by* KAYO

By NAT FLEISCHER

JOE LOUIS added to his all-time record as a heavyweight king by doing the expected at the Yankee Stadium, New York, on the night of September 18, when he knocked out Tami Mauriello in 2:09 of the first round of what was scheduled as a 15-round contest for the world title. In his 23rd defense of the crown since taking the measure of Jimmy Braddock in Chicago in 1937, Louis found much tougher opposition than he did against Billy Conn a few weeks ago. The Bronx tavern-keeper, a sturdy fighter of the Galento type, who knows nothing about the science of boxing, didn't display any of the fear that Billy Conn showed at the same ball park when he was stopped by the Brown Bomber on June 19 in the ninth round. Tami did exactly what he had promised the fans. He fought Joe until he was tagged for the fatal ten. He almost dropped Joe with the very first punch—a powerful left hook to the jaw that sent Joe clear across the ring.

By defeating Mauriello, Louis continued to prove to the fistic world that he rates so high above the rest of the heavyweights that he is in a class all by himself. He has given everybody who clamored for a chance an opportunity to take the crown from him, some twice, and the result in each case has been the same. The Brown Bomber has knocked out every heavyweight king since Gene Tunney's time—Schmeling, Carnera, Sharkey, Braddock and Max Baer. In addition to others who never held the championship, and among the latter, now is added the name of Tami Mauriello.

The bout was a thriller even though it lasted less than a round. It was a short but highly active bout, with each contestant tossing punches without a letup. Tami went out to take his man by surprise, and this he certainly did. He rushed from his corner and tagged his man before Joe had a chance to get set.

The opening punch, which was a reminder of the Luis Firpo looping blow that put Jack Dempsey through the ropes, set the Stadium gathering into a state of frenzy. The unexpected had happened, but Joe Louis quickly regained his equilibrium and from that point to the end of the fight, Joe was the "killer."

There was no letup in the punches he was tossing. It was left, right, landing on the jaw of the challenger with the speed of a cannonball. It took only a few seconds after Joe got away from the ropes before Tami went down for a count of nine. A right to the jaw crashed with powerful force and dropped Tami to his knees.

When the challenger regained his feet he engaged in an exchange with the champion, and several times he jarred Joe. On one occasion the champion held while trying to regain his senses after a right crashed against his head. That was the sum total of the damage the champion received.

Backing away, he tore into his opponent with a vengeance. A right, followed by a left to the jaw, put Tami up against the ropes in his own corner. A powerful right hook shook Tami from head to heels. Then came several rights and lefts to the body, followed by a right to the jaw that caused Mauriello's knees to sag. A right to Tami's eye brought claret, and then came the body bombardment that finally put Mauriello out of commission.

The time of 2:09 of the first round was the second best in Joe's career. He set a mark of 2:04 in his bout with Max Schmeling when he put the German away several years ago. The record is held by Tommy Burns, who established it in his bout with Bill Squires.

The champion scaled more for this fight than in any since he won the title from Jimmy Braddock in 1937. He had a weight advantage of 12¾ pounds. Louis tipped the beam at 211¼ to 198½ for the challenger. This was Joe's top weight, as his highest previous poundage was 207½ for his second fight with Billy Conn. When he won the world championship he weighed 197.

As was expected, Joe purposely put on this additional avoirdupois, because he had contemplated a slugging match and did not require any speed. The attendance was 38,494; the gate receipts were $335,063.

GRECO CROWNED KING *of* CANADIAN WELTERWEIGHTS

Johnny Dethrones Dave Castilloux in Bout Attended by a Record Gathering of 14,750 with a Gross of Close to $50,000

By IRVING RUDD

THE colorful prewar custom of international ring rivalry was given its biggest impetus recently when Johnny Greco, young Montreal Italian, long a contender for world welterweight honors, ended the ten-year reign of cagy Dave Castilloux as Canada's premier pugilist when he defeated Dave after ten tough rounds at the Montreal Forum last month to capture the Canadian welterweight championship.

A record crowd of 14,750 fans paid the unprecedented high sum of $49,549 to watch Greco subdue his clever rival, who had won the Dominion welter honors from Maxie Berger five years previously. The bull-shouldered Greco with the hammerlike fists immediately announced that he was gunning for the British Empire crown and that a match with Ernie Roderick, either in Montreal or London, would suit him fine. Thus the glorious days of Sanstol, Chabot, Foreman, and in later years Delaney, Warrington, Berger, Castilloux, Luftspring and many other Canadian ring stars, have been revived as big time boxing has come back with a bang to Canada.

* * *

THE first kayo victim of Giuseppi Antonio Giovanni Greco, today the fourth ranking welterweight contender, was his father. Papa Greco, a great acrobat and hockey player in his youth, began to teach Johnny the rudiments of boxing when the Dominion champ was only eight years old.

Johnny's dad, a truck driver, purchased gym equipment and boxing gloves for the youngster, and when the boy was thirteen, took him out to the back yard for a real sparring session. The lad was cautious as his father kept him at bay with his longer reach. Then Dad began to urge Johnny to "Punch! Punch!" The future contender punched, and it took two buckets of water to revive his father.

"I always knew from that day on that my Johnny was a born puncher," Pop Greco proudly relates.

* * *

JOHNNY GRECO was born and raised in Westmount, a suburb of Montreal. He is 23 years old. While attending Catholic High School in his native city, Greco began to box as an amateur and won 31 of 35 simon-pure contests. He was quite adept at hockey and rugby, but gave up participation in these sports when he decided to turn pro.

"A belter without honor in his hometown," is the way a New York boxing scribe paraphrased the old adage when Greco began to hit the spotlight in the big city about four years ago. Johnny turned pro in 1940 and quickly stiffened his first four opponents. Then he won a decision. At this time, a fairly good battler named Art Foster came along to play a most important part in the ring career of the then up-and-coming Montreal Italian. On November 28, 1940, Mr. Foster proceeded to hand Greco his first defeat in the pro ranks. In a return match a week later, Greco reversed it via a decision. Again in the early part of 1941 he split a pair of decisions with Foster and was also beaten by Vinnie Rossano. Johnny won six other scraps, three by kayoes.

Greco then scored a win over his nemesis, Foster, to make it three out of five victories. Eager to learn more about boxing, the untried youngster, who could punch but fought like a tyro, then made a sad mistake. He hired himself out as a sparring partner to Dave Castilloux, who at that time also held the Dominion lightweight title. "Castilloux used to smack Greco with everything but the water bucket," a Montreal fight observer recalled. "One day he hit Johnny on the chin and knocked him cold."

Shortly afterward, Greco tangled with Art Foster for the sixth and last time in what also almost proved to be the last time a discouraged kid was ever going to lace on the gloves. Shopworn from the session in camp with Castilloux, Johnny suffered an official knockout at the hands of Foster, who required only two rounds to turn the trick. He left the ring that night with jeers ringing in his ears as the fans regarded him as nothing more than a "catcher."

Nevertheless Greco was grimly determined to make good in the ring and felt that a change of scene might do the trick. In 1942 he arrived in New York. Greco was no ball of fire in the beginning. He was whipped by Herbie Kronowitz and held to a draw by Joey Manfro, who almost finished him in the opening stanza of a Garden four-spot.

Greco then defeated Georgie Harper, Cosby Linson, and Joe Torres, each rated as better than average battlers. Finally Johnny unlimbered the vaunted knockout wallop that carried him toward the top. He flattened Joey Manfro in a return go, and knocked out ten of his next dozen foes. The fights that catapulted Greco into a top spot in the Garden were his quick, thrilling knockouts of Harold Green and Bill Speary. Green was looked upon as a likely prospect, while Speary had been a great amateur champion and had mingled with the best battlers in the land. Johnny was undefeated from January 30, 1942, until February 2, 1945, when he was decisioned by Bobby Ruffin.

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GRECO drew good gates in Madison Square Garden, where he whipped the more experienced Cleo Shans in blazing brawls and also trounced Ruffin. It would make romantic reading to report that among his many victories Greco scored a knockout over his conqueror, Art Foster, but such is not the case. He also challenged Castilloux many times for the Canadian lightweight title, but finally was forced to wait until August 29 of this year to gain revenge over his former "employer" by relieving him of his 147-pound Canadian diadem.

"I don't know how it feels to win a world's title," Greco told admirers in his dressing room after he beat Castilloux, "but it will have to be something special to beat the thrill of winning the championship of my own country."

An active boxer who has been seen in New Jersey, St. Louis, Jacksonville, Georgia and Connecticut, in addition to his native Canada and New York, Greco will no doubt place his bauble on the block against anyone worthy of leading challenger ranking.

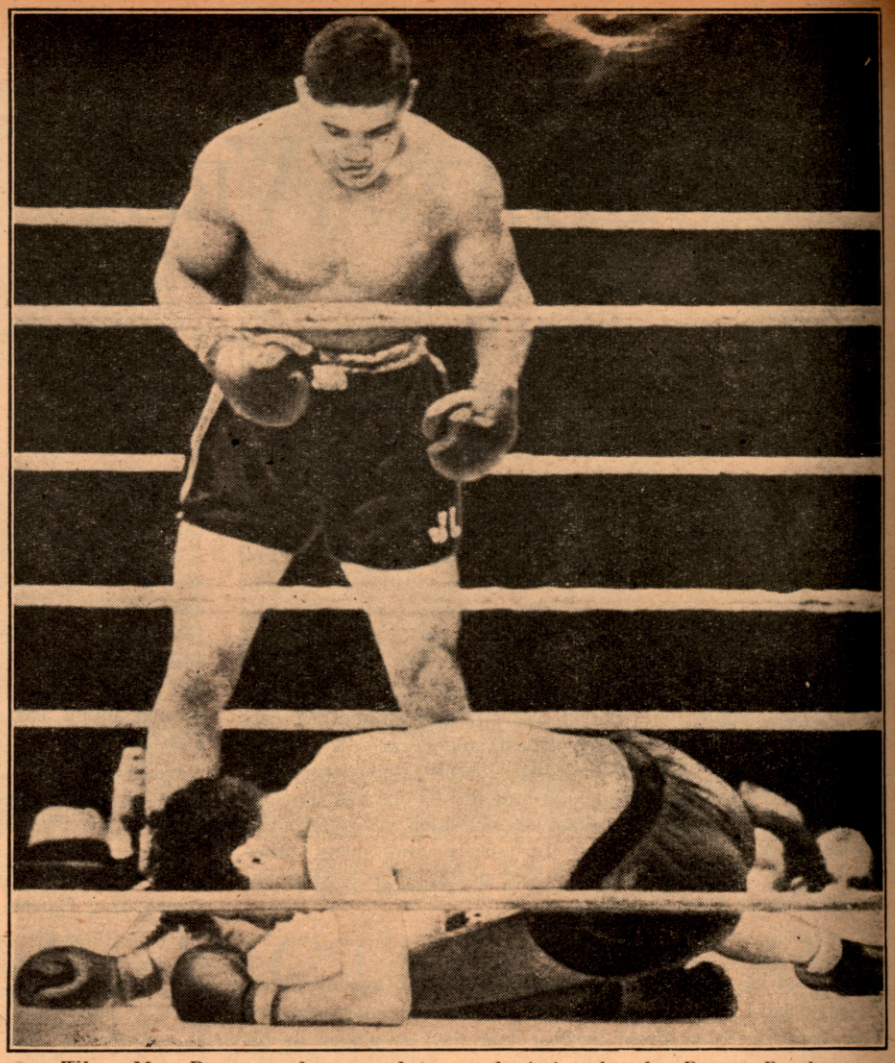
The new champion is a soft spoken, gentlemanly chap outside the ring. He has purchased a fine home for his folks in Montreal with his ring earnings. When in New York, Johnny lives in a modest hotel, noted for its sedate furnishings and its elderly guests, most of whom are retired businessmen. Now the old folks have become red hot rooters for the modest Greco.

Johnny is managed by the popular Frankie Doyle, who also trains him. It was Doyle who first recognized Johnny as a fistic diamond in the rough and developed Greco into a leading challenger for world welterweight titular honors.

BAER *Toughest for* LOUIS

Livermore Max Is the Heavyweight King's Selection as Opponent Who Was Hardest to Beat

By
"THE RING" EDITOR



When Max Baer was hammered into submission by the Brown Bomber.

JOE LOUIS, in a recent interview, stated that Max Baer was the toughest opponent he ever met. Louis, it will be recalled, put the California heavyweight away in the fourth round and didn't have much trouble turning the trick. For that reason, fight fans generally were surprised by the Brown Bomber's choice, though they did not underrate Baer's scrapping efficiency. However, Joe is surely in a position to know, since he, and not the followers of the sport, did the milling.

Unquestionably, Baer started to slip before he tackled Louis. Max had lost the heavyweight crown to Jimmy Braddock a few months before his battle with Joe and prior to the Braddock mill Eddie Simms gave Baer a pretty bad messing up at Cleveland, a bout from which the then champ emerged with cut lips and a beautiful black eye. That was the handwriting on the wall as regarded Max's future, although very few boxing fans saw it that way and most of them tipped the Californian to whip Braddock. But the latter left-handed Max all over the ring for fifteen rounds, winning by a large margin on points. The loser paid the penalty for too many enjoyable hours spent on the pleasure trail, combined with a dislike for training routine.

It is an oft-quoted literary maxim that "No author is the best judge of his own work," and it has frequently been demonstrated that fighters are in a like position. One would naturally fancy that Champion Joe Louis would list as his toughest affair, the disastrous contest with Max Schmeling in which he was knocked out in the twelfth round on June 19, 1936. That knockout was amply revenged in 1938, after Joe had become champion.

In that second engagement he smothered the German with an avalanche of T.N.T. blows that put the German out of commission in 2.04 of the first round, one of the greatest feats ever in a world heavyweight title bout. Apparently the Bomber didn't think that his first fight with Max was so tough despite his knockout, or he would have hesitated giving the Uhlan a chance at the crown.

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MANY of the nation's greatest fighters have often disagreed with their public as to the merits of the men with whom the fighter clashed. One would think that John L. Sullivan's toughest fight was that with James J. Corbett in which the Boston Strong Man was kayoed in the first championship fight under Marquis of Queensberry rules, yet he didn't. He gave the palm to Jake Kilrain as his most formidable opponent. It took Sullivan 75 rounds to whip Jake in the last bare knuckle championship heavyweight mill. They were in the ring for two hours and twenty-three seconds, hence John L. had ample reason for considering Kilrain bad medicine.

Yet how about little Charley Mitchell? He gave weight, reach and height away to Sullivan and held the champ to a draw at Chantilly, France, in 39 rounds that lasted three hours ten minutes and fifty-five seconds, but in discussing that contest, Sullivan declared it was one of the poorest ever fought for a title and Mitchell's long stand was brought about by the adverse conditions under which the bout was fought.

The public didn't figure it that way, particularly the British. They gave Mitchell full credit for his great stand against the powerful champ. They declared that there was no tougher obstacle in Sullivan's pugilistic path than the British fighter.

But Sullivan detested Mitchell and liked Kilrain, so the personal motif had a lot to do with his ring-rating of the two men. As for Corbett, the Boston slugger always claimed poor condition was responsible for his losing the Battle of New Orleans, and refused to admit that his conqueror belonged in the ranks of great gladiators. Here again, the Big Fellow was directly influenced by his personal feelings, for he had no use for Gentleman Jim.

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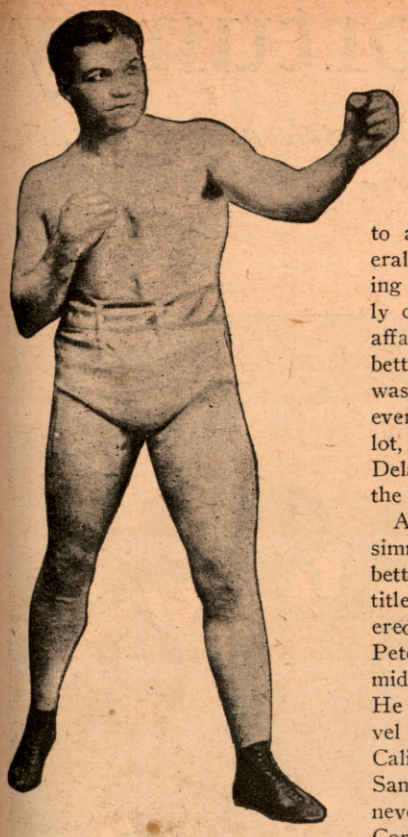
CORBETT always frankly admitted that the erstwhile Boston terror who reigned so long as heavyweight champion was far from being the John L. of old when he defeated him, and did not rate the New Orleans battle as a hard test of his ability, compared with other contests, where he was compelled to extend himself to the limit.

Such as the fight with Joe Choynski on a barge, near Benicia, California, in 1889. Jim won on a clean knockout in the 27th round but he had to scrap furiously at top-speed every inch of the way



James J. Jeffries, who gave Bob Fitzsimmons his toughest battle.

to achieve victory, for several times Joe had him rocking on his feet and perilously close to disaster. Of that affair, Billy Delaney, Corbett's chief second, said it was the fiercest tussle he ever saw, which meant a lot, coming from a man of Delaney's long experience in the game.

Although it was Bob Fitzsimmons who kayoed Corbett and annexed his world's title, Gentleman Jim considered Australia's champion, Peter Jackson, the most formidable of his adversaries. He fought the Negro marvel sixty-one rounds at the California Athletic Club of San Francisco in 1891, and never before or after were Corbett's powers of endurance put to such a tremendous test. Regarding this eventful mill, Gentleman Jim wrote in his volume of reminiscences, "The Roar of the Crowd":

"That night I thought Peter was a great fighter. Six months later, still being tired from the fight, I thought him a great one. And today, after thirty-three years, as I sit on the fifteenth floor of a New York skyscraper writing this, I still maintain that he was the greatest fighter I have ever seen."

Probably Fitz's admirers dissented from this opinion. But it should be remembered that Corbett's personal hatred of Fitzsimmons was closely akin to that of John L. Sullivan for Charley Mitchell. Maybe Corbett had a better reason for perpetuating a grudge than did Sullivan.

Jim was not only put down for the full count, but nursed a bitter feeling of resentment against Bob, because Fitzsimmons doggedly refused to accede to the loser's repeated demands for a return match. Whereas John L.'s reputation was only slightly smirched by the fact of the little Briton having held him to a draw.

After all, it's natural that the average person should feel the reverse of affection toward a chap who tumbled him from high estate, and there are few exceptions to that rule among the members of the fighting clan. But there are some, and Fitzsimmons was one of the rare breed.

Bob not only gave Jeffries full credit for twice whipping him decisively via the kayo route, but named big Jim as the toughest of his adversaries and greatest fighter of the age. After Fitz's second defeat, he teamed up with his conqueror and the two toured the country, giving exhibitions and meeting all comers. They were good pals, and never did the ex-champ utter a word of hostile criticism against his conqueror.

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KID McCOY picked Tommy Ryan as the toughest man he fought in the middleweight class and gave Joe Choynski a similar listing among the heavies. It's an old story how McCoy tricked Ryan into the match, persuaded him that everything was set for Ryan to win and having got Tommy into the ring in half-trained condition, knocked him out in 15 rounds. But in two subsequent matches, resulting in a five-round draw at Syracuse, and a six-rounder at Chicago, Ryan was out for revenge, showed up in superb shape and, though he didn't actually whip McCoy, made him scrap as hard as he ever had done in his life to get an even break.

As for Choynski, the astute Kid had very good reason for not underestimating Joe. In 1896 they boxed a no decision, four-round bout in New York, with honors even. In 1899, they went 20 rounds at San Francisco, McCoy getting the verdict, but only by the closest of point-margins. That same year Chicago sports saw them go eight rounds. By agreement, a draw was to be declared, providing both men were on their feet and fighting at the end of the time scheduled for the combat, and this was done.

But on that occasion, Joe was the better man, and was consequently regretful that he had permitted the artful Kid to coax him into the draw-agreement. Their last meeting was in New York, on January 12, 1900. Here, Mr. McCoy's craft was again demonstrated, for he hit Choynski behind the ear after the bell had rung, and dazed Joe so badly that the latter was ripe for the knockout he received later on. The Kid got away with it, by claiming he hadn't heard the gong-signal, an excuse which certainly wouldn't have served him in times like this, when fair-play rules are more strictly enforced.

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DURING Jack Dempsey's climb to championship honors he had something of the Indian sign experience with Willie Meehan which characterized the mixing of Dixon and the Kentucky Rosebud. Not that Meehan ever slipped a kayo on Jack, but the former assuredly set the trouble-pot boiling plenty for the Manassa Mauler.

Willie was a fat boy, game and enduring, not in the top-flight of pugdom, but hard to hurt, and winner over a good many worthwhile leather-pushers. By any standard of comparison he should have been easy for Dempsey, yet he was anything but that. He surprised Jack by winning a four-round decision over him in San Francisco on September 14, 1918, having drawn with the future heavyweight champion over the same distance the preceding year. They also fought four rounds in which Dempsey was declared winner.

It irked the Manassa Mauler that he never could hang a kayo on Willie, but he just couldn't, try as he might. Nobody will venture to deny that Gene Tunney was Dempsey's toughest adversary, but the rotund Willie Meehan deserves honorable mention as one fistic problem annoyingly hard to solve.

George Dixon, who reigned as bantam and featherweight champion in succession through the Nineties, chose Cal McCarthy as the toughest proposition he encountered while milling in the smaller division. McCarthy gave the Negro crack the longest and hardest fight of the latter's spectacular career. That was when they went 70 rounds to a draw at Boston, on February 7, 1890, with two ounce gloves, for $2,000 a side, extremely high stakes for that period.

It was a ding-dong, furious fray from bell to bell, each boy fighting like a human tiger, and there was nothing to choose between them at the finish. McCarthy in his prime was as fast and game a scrapper as ever donned a glove. But being also a Celt of convivial habits, he went the pace that kills outside of the ring. He had consequently gone back a lot when he again tackled Dixon at Troy, N. Y., on March 31, 1891.

This time the battle was for the bantamweight championship of the world, Dixon having previously beaten Nunc Wallace, the British title holder, at London, England, before the famous Pelican club. McCarthy fought desperately from the start. But lack of condition told upon him, his old time speed was lacking, and George outed him in the 22nd round.

To Terry McGovern, who took the feather title away from Dixon, must be given the classification of the best man Dixon met in that division. Yet the latter, although not given to boasting, was wont to agree with his manager, Tom O'Rourke, that at an earlier stage of his career, he would have had an excellent chance of defeating the Brooklyn Terror. Dixon frequently remarked that Terry caught him when George had seen his best days.

The Golden Opportunity

It Came to John Fitzpatrick in the Kilrain-Sullivan Battle and Brought Him Fame and Fortune—Elected Four Times Mayor of New Orleans

By THE VETERAN

Tossing a coin for the choice of the fighting ground for the Sullivan-Kilrain battle. Jake's side won and selected the site.

OPPORTUNITY knocks on the door of almost every person at least once in a lifetime. That's what James J. Corbett frequently declared when on his speaking tours. He brought up the topic when referring to his fight with John L. Sullivan at New Orleans in which he won the world heavyweight title on September 7, 1892, and he also used as an example to prove his case, the Sullivan-Kilrain battle at Richburg, Miss., July 7, 1889.

Jim Corbett had engaged in a number of fights before he faced the Boston Strong Boy but none of them meant so much to him as this one. Meeting Sullivan in a battle for the world crown was something that was nearest to his heart.

He prayed for the chance. He dreamed of the day when he would sit in the corner opposite the great Bostonian, awaiting the gong to send him into action in a titular bout. He couldn't set his mind at rest after the negotiations for the heavyweight championship got under way until such time as his mentor, William A. Brady, informed him that the details had been concluded. Then, when the signing of a contract clinched the bout, he was the happiest man in America.

The opportunity he hoped for had finally been given to him.

He would engage the one man who was hailed the world over as the fighting demon, the heavyweight without a peer, yet his happiness could not be told in mere words.

Why? Because he knew that Sullivan was on the downgrade and that the first young man to face him who possessed boxing skill and courage—something which Corbett had in abundance, would annex the world crown.

"A golden opportunity," explained Corbett to his audience, "comes to almost every man once in a lifetime, and if followed, it leads on to a fortune."

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THAT opportunity, so far as Gentleman Jim was concerned, came to him in the fight with Sullivan, and it did just what Corbett said it would—led him on to fame and fortune.

According to Victor Hugo, the nod of a peasant settled the fate of the French army at Waterloo.

A single happening is often the turning point of the fate of millions.

Coming back to the boxing game, the fight for the world title between Jake Kilrain and John L. Sullivan, attended by a mob that represented men from all walks of life, presented a shining opportunity to one man in that gathering and he took it. As a result of his courage in the face of extraordinary danger, this man later became the head of the New Orleans government

and one of the most discussed sports characters in American ring history. The name—John Fitzpatrick, four time mayor of the Crescent City.

Here is the story of the man as told by one of the spectators—the late A. D. Phillips.

"In company with sportsmen from all parts of the country—doctors, lawyers, con men, scribes, bank presidents, bank thieves and even the notorious bank robber, Leroy, we reached New Orleans only to find that the fight originally scheduled for that vicinity, would not take place in the New Orleans area. No one, not even the principals, knew the exact location. It was kept a secret to prevent the police and militia from interfering.

"The Governors of all the adjacent states had issued warnings to the principals that any attempt to stage the fight would result in arrest of all, including spectators. Both men had done their training in the North and then had travelled to New Orleans to await developments and rest there until word was received that the way had been cleared for the battle to be held at a destination known only to the promoters.

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"EARLY on the night of July 7, fight fans seemed to spring up from all directions and all headed for the old station of the Queen and Crescent Railway. There a long train was waiting to take all hands to the scene of the battle. Guards refused to permit any one to get on the train unless he presented a ticket. Some men were stealing their way on the brake beams and chains, and the trainmen, fearing accidents, made a slow run of it.

"Daylight was just appearing when Richburg was reached. It took a little more than half the night for the train to reach its destination only 100 miles away. One hundred yards away from where the train stopped, we could see the twenty-four by twenty-four foot ring surrounded by long rows of step-chair seats which formed a perfect circle.

"Even the scribes and the usually privileged characters had to fork over $10 to get to Richburg and to the surprise of all, a gang of residents blocked the entrance to the fight scene demanding another $10 for admission. That demand fell on deaf ears because many in that crowd didn't have a tenth of that in their possession. It acted as a writ of prohibition to many of the men who had taken their life in their hands by riding the bumpers to get to the fight and for a few minutes, all hands stood in front of the entrance like so many dummies. No one made a move. No one dared to speak. Then suddenly came the break!

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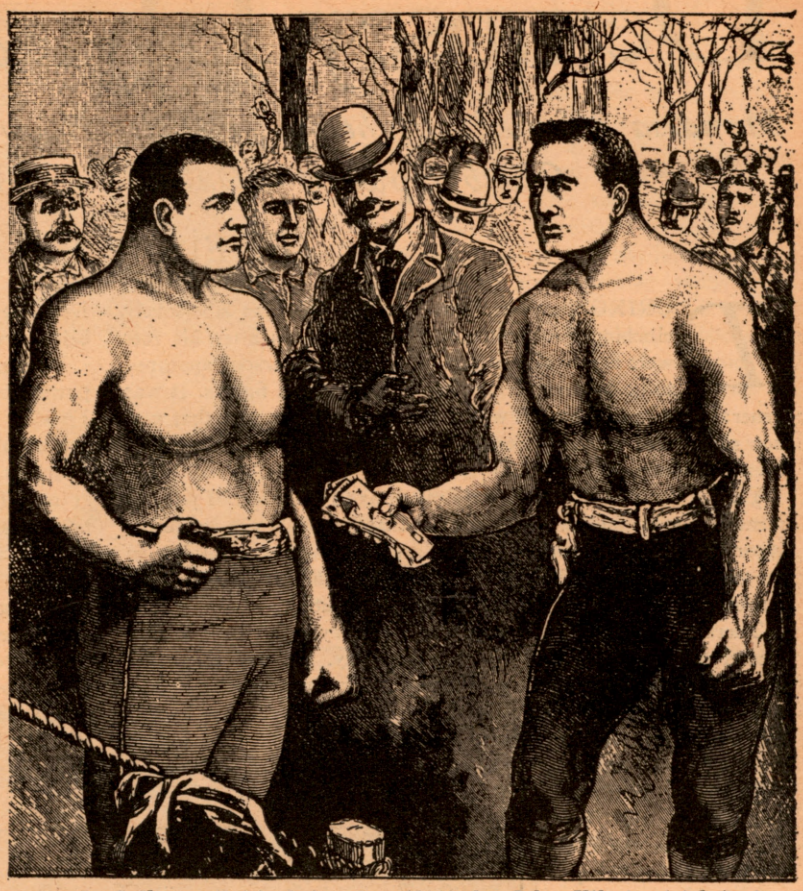
"OUT of the mob came a tall, broad-shouldered fellow wearing a soft felt hat. He pushed his way through that silent gathering like one in authority and faced the gate keepers. First he spoke to one. Then to several. Then his voice became louder and his face showed signs of anger. Getting no response from the men in charge, he quickly turned towards his fellow sports and spoke up:

"Gentlemen! These men want each and every one of us to pay $10 extra to see the fight. We bought our tickets and we've gone through hell to get here. Shall we stand for this? Are you men or are you vermin? If you are men, come on and help me take possession of this place or fall dead in the attempt!

"It needed but that one spokesman to start a riotous scene. Before one could say Jack Robinson, the gate was rushed and the guards ran for cover and those who got in first, regardless of class distinction, took the choicest seats. Tramps, burglars and men with long police records sat side by side with millionaires. It was learned later that members of the Jesse James and Leroy bank robbers, long sought by the Federal government, were among the spectators.

"In those days the referee was chosen at the ringside. Most often he didn't get a cent for his services. It was an honor most sportsmen cherished.



John L. Sullivan (left), being bet $1000 by Jake Kilrain (right), just before their bout got under way.

"More than twenty names were mentioned for the job that day but each was rejected by one side or the other. At last the problem was solved. Someone at the ringside pointed to the man who had led the way into the stockade.

"'Let's have him as the referee,'" he shouted, and soon that cry was taken up by others.

"Before he knew it, the man was shoved into the ring and the cheering was so tremendous that he was chosen the third man in the ring.

"Pony Moore, father-in-law of Charley Mitchell, was in the ring as chief bottle holder for Kilrain. He objected to the choice.

"'Beg pawdon,' he said to the referee, 'but if you 'ave no objection, I should like to awsk you a question.'

"'What is it?'

"'What's your name?'

"'John Fitzpatrick.'

"'Well, Mr. Fitzpatrick, not intendin' to be impertinent, 'ave you ever refereed a fight? Do you know anything about the London Prize Ring rules?'

"'Not a thing, but I'm willing to referee this fight and see that both men get a square deal, and the spectators an honest run for their money.'

"That satisfied Moore, Kilrain, Sullivan and his backers and the fight went on.

"That night John Fitzpatrick, hitherto unknown, was the hero of the hour. His name that day and the next appeared in every newspaper on this side of the world. In New Orleans, this unknown sportsman of the day before, became the leading sports figure of the South.

"Shortly after, he was every man's candidate for mayor of New Orleans. He was elected by a big majority, not once but four times. That he made one of the best and most popular mayors the Crescent City ever had, is history."

John Fitzpatrick had met his one golden opportunity. He took advantage of it, strange adventure though it was and it made him!

The Golden Opportunity—have you ever passed it by?

Dempsey Dynamic Hitter

Manassa Mauler's Fighting Qualities Never Doubted After He Started His Climb Upward—One of Five Greatest of All Time

By EDDIE BORDEN

DURING the years that Jack Dempsey was laboriously climbing the pugilistic ladder, and even after his feet were firmly set on the top rung, many persons appeared to be in doubt regarding his status as a fighter. It was generally conceded that he was a dynamic hitter, a fact that was not susceptible of contraversion in view of his quick victories over numerous opponents.

Yet the question was frequently raised as to the effect of punishment on the champion. Many insisted that he would not retain his vigor if hit by an opponent and declared he was a tired athlete in the second round at Toledo especially after the big Kansan had landed a straight, hard left on Dempsey's mouth.

There is no denying the fact that Dempsey was weary in that second round of the Battle of Maumee Bay. He was also tired in the third round and with good reason. For three minutes he had steadily pounded the huge Willard, scoring seven successive knockdowns and the challenger was arm weary and short of breath from his own tremendous efforts. He was almost exhausted.

There is hardly a doubt that, had the contest gone beyond the third round Dempsey's inherent stamina would have come to his rescue and enabled him to inflict still severer punishment on his practically helpless opponent. Willard doubtless realized this when he had a towel tossed into the ring shortly after the close of the third round.

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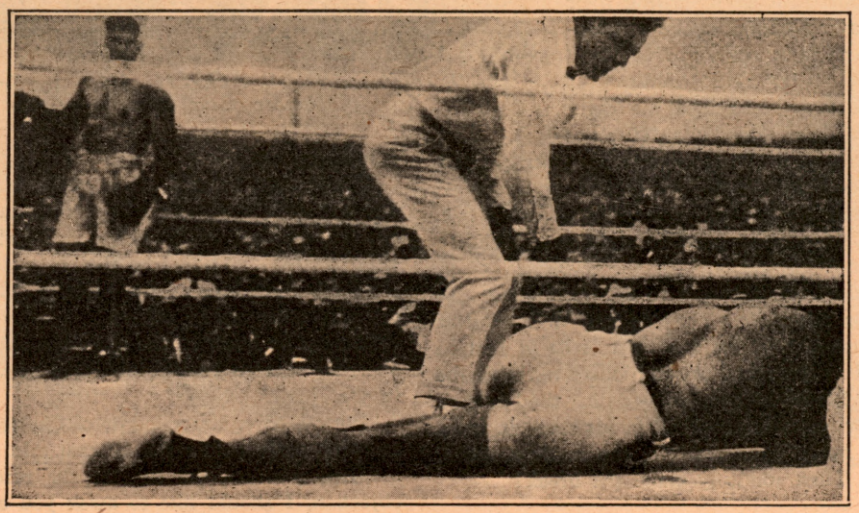
IT remained for Luis Firpo to sweep away all doubts as to the ability of Dempsey to assimilate punishment. There is not today in the world a fighter who hits more forcibly with his right hand than does the Argentinian. Firpo landed his right on Dempsey in the first round of their spectacular battle at the Polo Grounds, September 14, 1923, and the champion was so weakened he was compelled to clinch to save himself in the last 10 seconds of the first round. The blow that did the damage was a right hook to the chin that the Argentine giant landed as Dempsey returned, with assistance, after being knocked out of the ring with a right hander to the jaw.



Georges Carpentier put away by Dempsey at Boyle's Thirty Acres.

It should not be forgotten that Firpo landed those two terrific blows following seven knockdowns, the same number received by Willard. There was this difference. Each time Willard hit the canvas, it was due to the impact of three to five heavy blows. In the case of Firpo he measured his length each time after one left or right to the jaw.

Never was Dempsey's title in greater danger than when, after being pushed through the ropes, he received the jolt from Firpo's right. The shock dazed the champion and had Firpo been a more experienced finisher, the title would have changed hands then and there. As soon as Firpo rushed in to plant another blow, Dempsey seized him and hung on for dear life till the welcome bell ended the round.

Dempsey demonstrated that he possessed strong recuperative powers by coming out fighting in the second round and stopping Firpo in 57 seconds.

Some of the onlookers seemed to be of the opinion that the blow that sent Dempsey out of the ring in the first round was a push. It may have been a "follow through" à la golfers, but it certainly was a punch on the jaw and quite hard enough to knock out an ordinary man. Dempsey did not hit his head on anything solid when he catapulted out of the ring and he received timely aid in getting back. He was pushed in through the ropes which were held up by the obliging referee. Yet the champion has admitted that he was dazed when he regained the ring floor. Therefore, two things were proved by that fight. First, the destructive nature of Firpo's punch; second, the ability of the champion to take punishment and still continue to fight.

As a sporting event, the Dempsey-Firpo fight was the most spectacular in the history of the ring, and it is questionable if any sporting feature was ever before staged under such remarkable conditions.

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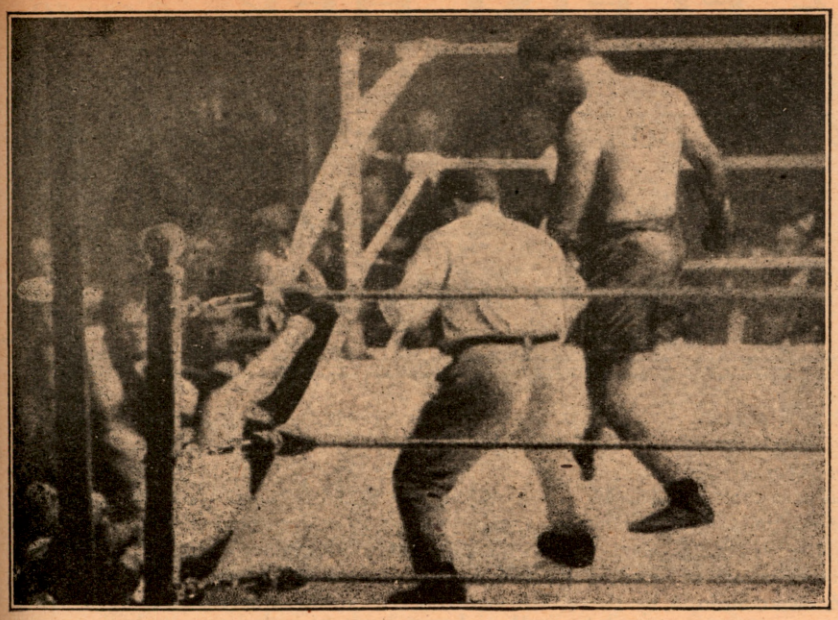
THE throng in attendance, included among whom were thousands of the leading citizens of America, was certainly more interesting than the 90,000 who saw Dempsey stop Carpentier in Boyle's Thirty Acres. The scene at the Polo Grounds was most inspiring, and the thrilling drama presented in the ring will never be forgotten by those who saw it. In the arrangements for the contest and its conduct, the deft hand of Tex Rickard, greatest of all promoters, was plainly seen. No other man could have staged the bout with the degree of perfection observable in all the details.

The amount of money paid by the enthusiasts who desired to see the contest was $1,188,822 as against $1,626,580 taken in at the Dempsey-Carpentier battle. The reason for the excess of receipts at the Jersey contest is not difficult of explanation. The maximum price for choice seats in Boyle's Thirty Acres was $50, while the highest price permitted by law in New York State was $25. But for that limitation the Dempsey-Firpo bout would have been supreme in all respects. It was unquestionably the most thrilling combat ever seen in a glove contest. Greater courage never was exhibited by contestants, each of whom received a terrible battering, yet fought doggedly to the finish.

There is good reason for the belief that the champion underestimated Firpo, notwithstanding the fact that the challenger's previous performances stamped him as one of the most dangerous hitters in the ring. However, it appears that the Dempsey Board



Jack Dempsey knocked through the ropes by Firpo.

of Strategy regarded Firpo as merely a strong combative chap who could be easily disposed of by the champion. This misapprehension nearly cost Dempsey his title, for it is more than likely the champion would have made a more careful fight in the first round had he known what power lay in Firpo's right.

On the other hand, Firpo was not eager for a bout with the champion at that time, as he frankly admitted that he felt he should have the benefit of another year's experience before facing the title holder in the ring. Yet he yielded to the urging of the public, which insisted on the battle, and made a fight that was all to his credit. In fact the contest reflected the greatest credit on both victor and vanquished, cementing the esteem in which they had been held by all who admire courage and combativeness in fighting men.

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THE result of the Dempsey-Firpo battle removed to a large extent the unpleasant recollections of two previous contests in which the champion, while he emerged victor, had not come forth with flying colors. One of these was a 15-round affair with Tom Gibbons at Shelby, Montana, July 4, 1923, in which Dempsey received the decision on points.

The astonishing feature of the bout was the fact of Gibbons being on his feet at the end of the 15th round and the additional fact that the St. Paul man had not been in danger of a knockout at any stage of the contest. Those who saw the undersized Harry Greb maul Gibbons unmercifully in Madison Square Garden were unable to understand why Dempsey failed to stop the Minnesotan at Shelby. Greb was by no means a knockout hitter and yet he had not the slightest trouble in landing on Gibbons. Dempsey landed enough blows on Gibbons to stop a dozen men, yet the challenger was on his feet at the close of the last round. Jack Kearns, manager of Dempsey, always insisted that the reason the bout went the limit, was to enable Kearns to get Dempsey's money out of Shelby. Mike Jacobs is the man who carried it to New York in a valise.

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THERE was something peculiar about the entire Shelby affair and not the least singular feature was the staging of a heavyweight championship bout in that forsaken mining hamlet. The champion not only had all kinds of trouble getting the promised purse from the promoters, but was fortunate in getting away from the place without injury from the denizens of the locality and getting his purse out of the city.

The majority of those at the bout were pro-Gibbons and the champion faced a hostile crowd. Dempsey and his friends were in a decided minority and had there been a clash between the opposing factions, it would not have been difficult to pick the winners. Dempsey had been promised a huge guarantee and when the gate was decidedly short, he refused to fight until the backers put the dough on the line.

Dempsey, sensing the menacing attitude of the crowd, reached the conclusion that it would be unwise on his part to dispose of Gibbons in summary manner, and confined his activities to winning on points. That also gave Jacobs a chance to skip off with Jack's purse.

Another unpleasant feature of the match was Dempsey's taking his own referee to the battle ground. It does not follow that Jimmy Dougherty gave other than a just decision, but the system of hand-picked referees is unqualifiedly vicious and has in the past been productive of malodorous scandals.

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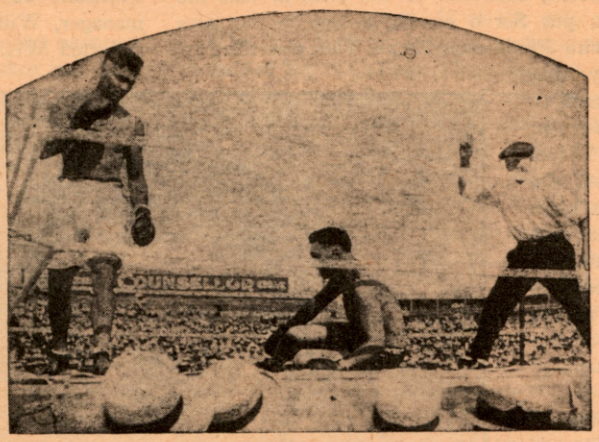
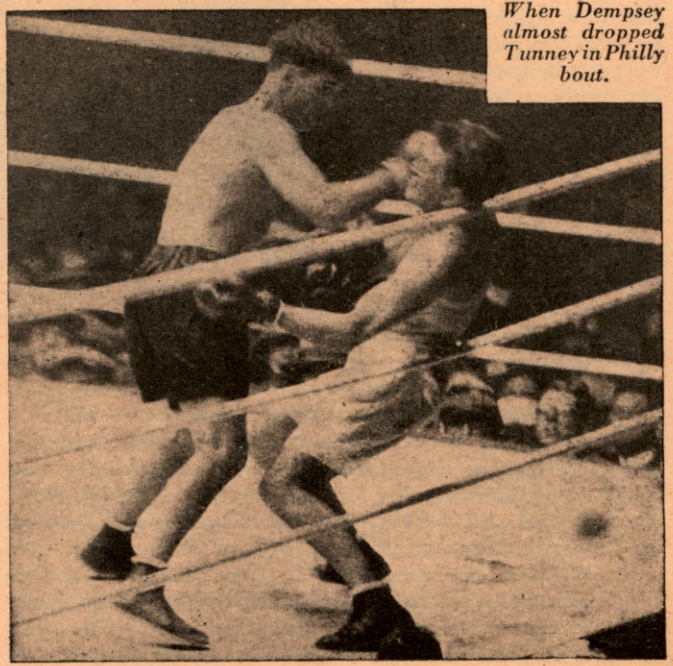


The downfall of the Pottowatomie Giant, Jess Willard.

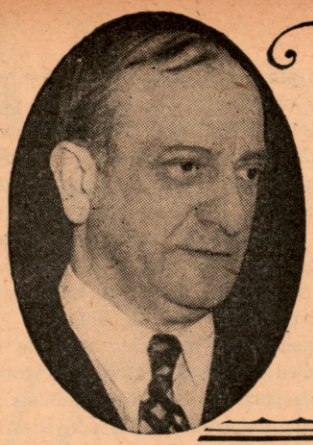
THE other peculiar bout was that between Dempsey and Brennan at Madison Square Garden in 1920. Two years previously Dempsey stopped Brennan in six rounds, hitting the latter so hard he sprained an ankle as he fell.

The champion put up a poor fight in the Garden, Brennan lasting 12 rounds. Possibly the fact of the moving picture interests requiring ten rounds may have had something to do with it.

Taken altogether, Dempsey was a most satisfactory champion in the opinion of the writer. He possessed the killer instinct, was full of fight, could take and deliver blows, and was a tiger when once the gong sent him on his way.



When Dempsey almost dropped Tunney in Philly bout.



Nat FLEISCHER says:

New York's Boxing Commission Repeats Boner of Taking Away Title by Divesting Marty Servo of the Welterweight Crown

THE New York Commission pulled a boner when it declared the welterweight title of Marty Servo vacant following his request for a third postponement of his fight with Ray Robinson. The Commission opened itself to attack not only from the National Boxing Association, but by those who rightly contend that a championship is won and lost only in the ring. No commission has the right to vacate a world crown, as its rules affect only boxing within its own domain.

I agree with Abe Greene, chairman of the N.B.A., that the New York Commission put Servo on the throne he occupies by okaying his match with Freddie Cochrane. This was the first big blunder pulled by that body and it has only itself to blame for the predicament in which it finds itself.' I feel sorry for Ray Robinson, the uncrowned welterweight king, whose prowess is so great that every outstanding fighter in his division has been dodging him. He was entitled to the first shot at Servo's crown, and remains the outstanding challenger.

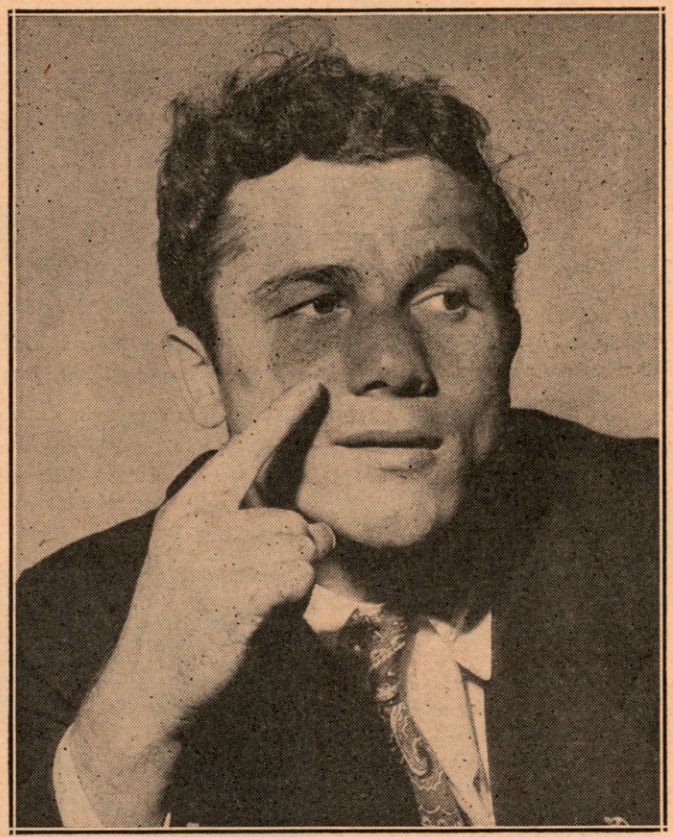
But holding an elimination tournament to decide Servo's successor, as ruled by the New York Commission, won't settle matters so far as Sugar Ray is concerned.

Robinson wants to rule as world champion, not as New York title holder. Being declared the holder of the crown by New York won't make him what that designation signifies. The world at large will continue to recognize Servo as title holder until such time as he retires or is beaten in the ring.

Ray is holding the bag. No doubt about that. He has received a raw deal, no matter how one considers the latest news of Servo's injury. No matter how one feels about Servo's plight and Robinson's ill fortune, the blame for the present confusion rests wholly on the boxing commission, which, in its eagerness to give Servo, a serviceman with a good record, an opportunity to cash in following his discharge from the Coast Guard, permitted Cochrane to sell the welterweight title to the highest bidder though everyone associated with boxing knew that only Robinson deserved the claim of leading contender.

Lt. Col. Eagan got himself into this mess, and now he and the commission must get out of it as best they can. But no matter what the ultimate result, a dual champion in the welterweight division will parade before the public—one the legitimate world title holder, Marty Servo, and the other, the uncrowned king of the division.

When Lt. Col. Eagan permitted Al Weill to guarantee Cochrane $50,000 should Servo win the title, he did something no other commission in the history of legalized boxing was guilty of, the condoning of purchase of a championship. Everyone who has made a study of boxing knew that Cochrane would be defeated by Servo. He was knocked out by Marty in the fourth round. Cochrane was well aware that his number was up. So was his manager, Willie Gilzenberg. By losing, Freddie and his mentor collected Weill's $50,000, and Servo and his manager went into the hole for something like $20,000 after paying the championship bill.



Marty Servo, world welterweight king, points to swollen nose to prove that he was not engaging in a run-out on Ray Robinson.

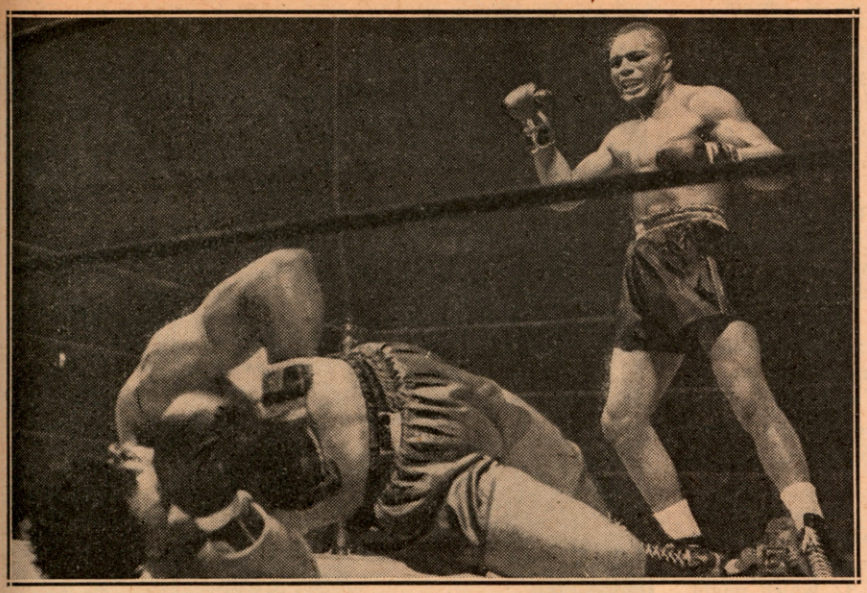
It was a highly irregular transaction. Even Eddie Eagan admitted that when he threatened to have the district attorney look into the case should he learn officially of such irregularity.

What did Lt. Col. Eagan expect? Did he think that Al Weill would place before him the contract for such payment? Did he think that Mr. Weill would inform him that he and Servo, as well as Cochrane and Gilzenberg, had violated the rules of the State Commission? Officially, Eddie Eagan knew all that every fight fan in New York and New Jersey knew, yet no action was taken other than to sanction the weird match and to bless both the old and new champions.

Yes, he did go a step further. He insisted that Servo, if he won, must fight Robinson in the first defense of the title. But, contrary to the regulations of the New York Commission, a time limit was set of far less than the six months' grace to which a champion is entitled. This was justified in view of the run-around that Robinson had received with the aid of the Commission.

As for the latest chapter of this now historic "phantom fight," I examined Servo on the day that he was shorn of his crown and must honestly report that his nose was so badly swollen and discolored that he could not possibly have faced such a clever fighter and hard hitter as Sugar Ray without fleecing the public of its money. He was in no condition to fight, though the skeptics will refuse to believe that.

Weill has himself to blame for this public reaction. He tried desperately to get out of the fight on several occasions until a point was reached that no matter how poorly conditioned Servo



Tommy Gomez downed for the count of nine shortly before his bout with Joe Walcott was halted in third round in Madison Square Garden.

was, the fans wouldn't believe it because of what had happened.

I refereed the ten-round bout between Bobby Lakin and Servo a few weeks ago at Camp Dix, a real, honest-to-goodness fight that was full of action, and reported at that time that if Servo could hold his form until the Robinson bout, Ray was in for a surprise. He would have to win by a quick knockout or would be in plenty of trouble.

That bout convinced me that Servo was honestly training to fill his engagement with Ray or he never would have taken the hard punches he got from Lakin, who caused the latest nose trouble for Marty while both were training. There can be no question that Servo reported to the Commission with a badly injured nose. This is one time there was no run-out, but as I have previously remarked, get the public to believe that! Mr. Weill cried "Wolf!" once too often!

The proper thing for the Commission to have done under the circumstances would have been to set a new date, an indoor date, some time in October or November—any time before the first of the year—instead of taking the crown from Marty. Had the Commission suspended Weill and Servo from working in New York, or even gone farther by banning the entire Weill stable from competition in the Empire State until such time as Servo placed his title on the line in a bout with Robinson, it would have been far better for boxing than to create a second champion in the welterweight division.

No matter who eventually is recognized by the New York Commission as champion, THE RING, as in the past, will continue to consider Servo as the world title holder.

Only three times in the history of boxing has a commission shorn a champ of his crown. Back in 1938 the Empire State board ruled that John Henry Lewis was no longer the crown wearer because he refused to obey the command of that body. But John Henry took the Commission to court and the boxing moguls quickly changed their mind after a threatened suit had been made by Lewis.

The Commission at one time also suspended Mickey Walker for his refusal to fight Dave Shade and took his title from him, but the matter was settled amicably shortly after. Now comes the Servo-Robinson case.

Had Weill taken the bull by the horns and asked the New York Commission for a postponement of the Servo-Robinson fight, instead of declaring that the fight was off, the chances are that he would have received same without any difficulty. The New York Commission was looking for an "out," but Weill failed to give it to them by bluntly declaring "that the fight was off." Thus he forced the Commission's hand. His arrogance was stupid.

The New York Commission could have gotten for Robinson the championship had Lt. Col. Eagan waited until the day of the fight before taking the action he did, and had ordered both Servo and Robinson to weigh in officially. Then Robinson could have declared himself champion by default when Servo refused to go through with the bout, and Ray would have been one hundred per cent justified in such claim. He would have been internationally recognized as world champion.

Now, however, such claim will be ignored by those who know their boxing and adhere to the strict interpretation of its rules.

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THE action of the N.B.A. in standing by Marty Servo as the world welter king was the proper thing to do. By its vote, the members gave notice to the fight world that it will not permit a ring championship to change hands other than through the retirement of the title holder, through his defeat within the weight limit by a contender, or through his failure to make the weight at weighing time. This is the attitude that THE RING has approved since its inception 25 years ago. It is the only correct procedure.

The N.B.A. is to be congratulated on its firm stand also on behalf of Ray Robinson. There can be no doubt that "Sugar Ray" is the uncrowned world welterweight champion. He is entitled to get a shot at the crown, a goal at which he has been aiming.

The N.B.A. in ordering Marty Servo to defend his title against Ray Robinson by December 1, did merely what I had hoped the New York Commission would have done instead of ruling the throne vacant. Under the prevailing conditions at the time that Al Weill and Servo appeared before the New York board, the New York Commission should have taken the bull by the horns and ordered a postponement with a new date set for the championship because the champion was in no condition to go through with his fight.

Granted that it is well known that Al Weill has been giving Ray the run-around, and the impression prevailed that Servo would never fight Robinson, the fact remains that on this occasion there was no runout, and therefore it would have been far better for boxing generally had a postponement been ordered instead of vacating the crown.

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WHILE the N.B.A. was covering itself with glory in the Servo-Robinson case, the organization pulled a humdinger of a rhubarb in declaring itself in favor of a change of weights in the various divisions. To me this is the most foolish step ever taken by a board acting on behalf of boxing.

The N.B.A. has pulled many ridiculous stunts since its inception, most of them far beyond errors pulled by the New York Commission, which it continually holds up as its target.

How any individuals having the interests of the sport at heart could go to the mat with such a revolutionary plan is beyond reason!

The N.B.A. on the one hand speaks about eliminating confusion in re championships, yet confuses all boxing by this most radical step. It throws every class weight into chaos. It will be the means of bringing about a dual championship in every division with a title holder who legitimately has won his crown fighting in two divisions in defense of that same crown.

For years the weight divisions as adopted by the International Federation of Boxing in Rome in 1920 and in 1934 have met with popular approval in every part of the world where boxing is staged. Just before the Walker Law went into effect, a committee of seven, working in cooperation with the British Board of Boxing Control, the I.B.U. of Europe, and the French Federation of Boxing, adopted the weight limits now in force throughout the entire world. Previously all had used the weight limits adopted by the Frawley Law of New York.

Under the Frawley Law, which went into effect in 1911, the

weight limits were: Paperweight, 108; bantamweight, 115; featherweight, 125; lightweight, 135; welterweight, 145; middleweight, 158; commission weight, 175, and heavyweight, all over, and the weighing was to be done at the ringside.

The Walker Law changed this. It eliminated the paper class and adopted a flyweight with a 112-pound limit, and the bantamweight class limit was raised to 118 pounds.

The weights were altered to 126 pounds for the featherweight class, 147 pounds for the welterweight, and 160 for middleweights. The commission class was changed to light-heavyweight.

Prior to the Frawley Law, there were no specific weight limits. A champion had the right to set the scale at which he would defend the title and thus it was found, for example, a bantamweight winning his title at 115 pounds and jumping the weight requirement up to 118 when he found he couldn't make the weight. The featherweight title was defended at 122 pounds and raised to 126 when the champion found he couldn't defend his title at the lower weight.

The international boxing rules, which are the backbone of the Walker Law, set once and for all a standard weight throughout the world for boxing and it has worked marvelously well.

And now comes the silly action of the N.B.A., which might be termed, "The Confusing Act of Boxing."

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WHEN Elmer (Violent) Ray knocked out Lee Savold in Brooklyn recently, he finally wormed his way into the good graces of Mike Jacobs and henceforth will find himself as a headliner in Madison Square Garden. Uncle Mike can use a few heavyweights who can sock, and Ray, with his long list of knockout victims, seems to be as good as any of the poor crop now parading before the public. Had Ray faced good opposition in the climb, he long ago would have been considered a headliner in New York, but he preferred to travel through the sticks beating ordinary pugs, hence his record is not as impressive as his string of kayoes would ordinarily indicate.

Against Savold he showed little over which to enthuse. He knocked out a has-been who seemed more eager to have the bout over with shortly after it had begun than he was to give Elmer the kind of test which the spectators at Ebbets Field had come to see.

Ray's triumph was not a convincing one, and so long as he continues to fight "dead timber," he'll never qualify for a title shot. He'll remain just where he has been for several years. Savold, the 39th victim to swoon in Ray's 44 fights, should hang up his gloves. He's through.

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ON the same night that Ray stopped Savold, Jersey Joe Walcott, our No. 2 man in the heavyweight ratings at the time, was the victim of an upset at the hands of Joey Maxim at Camden, N. J. Joe took the fight to aid a benefit show and emerged the loser. He dropped his high rating as a challenger for Joe Louis' title.

Maxim was declared the winner by Referee Paul Cavalier and his decision raised a rumpus over in Jersey. Most of the scribes seemed to think that Jersey Joe had a margin in his favor, but decisions are what count and what we go by in rating the fighters.

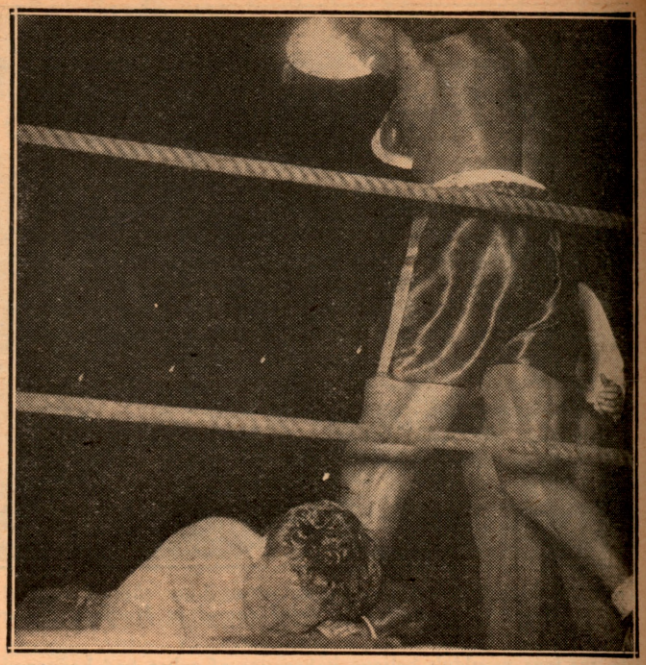
Lanse McCurley of the Philadelphia *Daily News*, one of the reporters at the ringside, had this to say of the decision:

"The defeat of Walcott doesn't change the heavyweight picture inherently. Walcott in my opinion is still the logical contender.

"The best there is against Louis. He can punch and Maxim can't.

"Just before Joey Maxim went into the ring to fight Joe Walcott the other night, the wily Jack Kearns, manager of Maxim, said to the manager of Walcott, 'Look, take it a little easy for a round or two and let my fighter look a little bit good for a spell anyway.'

"While all the time the smart old rooster knew that his fighter, Maxim, was a better boxer than any heavyweight around, also that the referee would be Paul Cavalier, who used to box for Kearns in the old days and was always sparring with Dempsey as a partner.



Lee Savold listening to the count of the doleful decimal in the second round of his bout with Elmer Ray at Ebbets Field. Lee was Elmer's thirteenth straight kayo victim.

"How the Walcott crowd fell for this humble attitude of 'let my fighter look good for a little while anyway.'

"Kearns just pulled a fast one and edged his man into the place of logical contender another man held. Moral—when you do business with any of the old-time smarties, keep your guard high both in and out of the ring."

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BY this time the British are undoubtedly well satisfied that the outstanding American fighters are superior to their best. The knockout of Ronnie James by Ike Williams, the National Boxing Association's candidate for world lightweight honors, was the third successive defeat in an international bout suffered by the boys from across the Big Pond.

First Tami Mauriello took Bruce Woodcock into camp. Then Gus Lesnevich trimmed Freddie Mills, the cruiserweight champion of the Empire, and now we have the victory of Williams via the knockout route. When Ike battered Ronnie into submission in the seventh round, he leaped into the top post as the world's best lightweight.

But he remains only a contender, the same as he was before he sailed for England. The fact that Ike has been stopped by Bob Montgomery and Sammy Angott, lost twice to Willie Joyce and drew with Freddie Dawson and Wesley Mouzon, keeps him from gaining international recognition as world champion until such time as he defeats either Montgomery or Mouzon, who knocked out Bob, recognized by New York as the king of the division, in the second round. For that overweight match, Wesley was compelled to come in at 137 pounds, two beyond the class limit. That's the way champs these days protect their "titles"!

Should Williams decide to put his N.B.A. crown on the line against Mouzon if he cannot get Montgomery to face him, and should Ike beat Wesley, then there no longer would be any reason for not granting Williams international honors. THE RING will put up a beautiful belt for such a fight or one with Montgomery and Williams.

As for Montgomery, Ike Williams now has a far better claim to the division's top honors than has Bobcat Bob.

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WHEN Georgie Abrams outpointed Steve Belloise in their ten-round bout at Madison Square Garden a few weeks ago, he leaped right back among the top ten among the chal-

lengers for the middleweight title. So little did the experts think of George's chances in the Belloise bout that Steve was quoted at prohibitive odds.

Perhaps that's one of the reasons why Belloise failed to come through. He figured he had a cinch and acted that way for more than half of the bout. When he finally did get going, he rolled up the points but his opponent had scored just enough to nose him out. Thus Abrams is back where he was when he enlisted as a Tunney aide in 1941.

The Garden management and Chris Dundee, who is the victor's mentor, are favoring a battle between Abrams and the Graziano-Zale winner, but if the New York State Athletic Commission does its duty it will see to it that Jake LaMotta, the outstanding challenger for the crown, is not shunted to the sidelines. If Abrams is ready to engage the champ as a challenger, then he should be willing to accept a match with LaMotta to determine which of the two is entitled to first crack at the title holder. LaMotta has the upper hand if the records of the challengers are considered and since he is willing to jeopardize his position by accepting a fight with Abrams, George should do likewise and fight it out with Jake for the title shot.

Otherwise LaMotta is entitled to first crack at the crown. He has earned it far more than any fighter in the middleweight division.

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THE Australian Boxing Commission, following numerous deaths and accidents in boxing in the United States and a few in its own land, has decided on a novel plan. Hereafter, no boxer will be granted permission to perform unless he has submitted to an X-Ray examination before entering the ring. This examination will take place on the day of a contest. In addition to the regular physical examination, the boxer will have to submit to an X-Ray of his chest and head as a safeguard against any hidden "weaknesses" which may be apparent to the medical examiner.

A similar suggestion was made to the New York Commission by THE RING two years ago, but General Phelan turned it down after consulting members of the medical board of the Commission. On that occasion, General Phelan wrote:

"Regarding your suggestion, I have taken the matter up with Dr. William H. Walker and two of his colleagues, each a member of the advisory board of medical examiners of this Commission, and they inform me that the X-Ray of the head will show little to help the doctor in determining the physical fitness of the boxer. The chest examination would, but since each boxer is thoroughly examined for any physical defects and the examination is thorough, we see no reason for adding to the expense of the State Commission the heavy cost of X-Ray examinations."

Perhaps the Australian medical examiners are more advanced than are the New York doctors who think that X-Ray is a waste of time and money to the state. I believe that the Australian Commission, a recent addition to the boxing governors of the world, is on the right track. There have been more fatalities and accidents in the ring in this country this year than in any three previous years combined. The reason? Improper supervision.

The latest ring fatalities took Roland Prairie of Montreal and Del Hardy of Utah. Prairie had taken a bad beating from Jean Barriere earlier in the week and then, in an effort to redeem himself, was matched with Kid Point. He complained of a headache a few days before the fight and an examination by his physician revealed nothing.

His case was similar to that of Ernie Schaaf. After battling for nine rounds during which Prairie had the better of the argument, he went down for a four-count in the tenth from what appeared to most spectators as an invisible blow and after being declared the winner, he went to his dressing room, where he collapsed on the training table, went into a coma and passed out.

Hardy's death put a crimp in the move for legalization of boxing in Utah. For many months the Veterans of Foreign Wars had been working on a plan to legalize boxing. THE RING Editor helped draw up an act similar to the Walker Law of New York, but when word of the passing of Hardy reached the Governor, the plan was halted.

Hardy, whose family name is Zesiger, died in a fight with Remo Polidori. The charge was made following his death that the promoters had failed to enforce a city ordinance which requires that "prior to each boxing contest the promoter must have the boxers examined by a physician, who shall determine whether the boxers are in fit physical condition to engage in such a contest." Thus again, lack of supervision was responsible for the fatality.

That is why commission rule is best. With honest, capable commissioners, there is little chance for a ring death. That has been proved repeatedly. Most of the fatalities have taken place in cities where boxing is controlled by municipality, and not the state.

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JOHN J. HETTCHE, Michigan State Athletic Commissioner, has the right idea in re champions. He hit the nail on the head when he remarked recently:

"I believe that every time a champion enters the ring, it should be in defense of his title. He owes it to the public to appear against the best opponent and this cannot be done if he forces his opponent to enter the ring beyond the weight limit of his class. By fighting overweight, he likewise comes into the ring beyond the weight at which he is at his best and it is time that this is stopped."

Commissioner Hettche believes that too many champions in such fights pick opponents who either are hog fat or who cannot give the fans a run for their money. When advised that if he took such action he will drive the title holders from Michigan because most of the champions prefer to defend their crowns in New York, where they can get the most money, Hettche replied that he would try to get the New York Commission and the National Boxing Association to adopt a similar rule.

Regardless of their action, Commissioner Hettche is to be congratulated for starting the ball rolling in the right direction. Such a rule would do away with many of the abuses now suffered by the fight fans.

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NEW YORK experts are going haywire over Bernard Docusen, the Filipino-French welterweight, who is rated eighth best lad in his division by this publication. It took a long time for the Eastern scribes to get acquainted with the Louisiana whirlwind, whose beautiful boxing and sharp hitting is a reminder of the days of Benny Leonard. He possesses every asset of a first class ringman and will go a long way in his chosen profession, despite his ordinary performance with Reguejo in his Garden debut.

RING readers are thoroughly familiar with Bernard and his brother Maxie, both of whom have received considerable complimentary publicity in THE RING. It was this publication that first brought Bernard Docusen's name before the public through the columns of our New Orleans correspondent, Broadway Johnny Cox, and before he quit the ring temporarily more than a year ago, to fight the ban placed upon him by the Louisiana State Commission, he was rated among the first ten.

Docusen, it will be recalled, was prevented from fighting against white boys because it was declared by the Bureau of Vital Statistics that he was a Negro. He fought the case but when he could not get his birth certificate changed to show that he was the son of a French mother and Filipino father, he quit boxing. Recently he resumed and has been a sensation in New York. He finally convinced the authorities of the error in his birth certificate and won his case.

Bernard won't have to worry about the color of his skin in this neck of the woods where race, creed and color play no part in sports competition. How good is the boy? That's all that is asked, and the answer to the query in the case of Bernard Docusen is—"He's as good as they come."

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NOT every big boxing center in the country is playing to capacity houses, as note the reports from Denver and San Francisco for the last week in *(Continued on page 34)*

Jake LaMotta Heads List *of* Middleweight Title Contenders

By FRANCIS ALBERTANTI

ACCLAIMED by THE RING Magazine, a newspaper poll and the NBA as the No. 1 challenger for the middleweight championship, Jacob LaMotta is waiting on the New York State Athletic Commission to recognize his claim. Colonel Eddie Eagan recently informed manager Jimmy Murray that the Commission was not a banking institution when he offered to post a $2500 forfeit to clinch a match with titleholder Tony Zale, adding the board was not in the promotion business when Murray insisted his charge was entitled to first crack at the mythical 160-pound diadem.

The time is not far distant however, when the Bronx Assassin will be in there winging for the coveted crown. He was sidetracked by promoter Mike Jacobs for the Zale encounter. The shrewd Jacobs figured Rocky Graziano, then hot as a firecracker, was a bigger draw than LaMotta.

When next summer rolls around it is more than likely Graziano will be forced to meet his boyhood chum, a match that experts and fans alike predict will surpass a cool half million bucks. It goes without saying that this will be the most sensational fistic attraction in more years than your reporter cares to remember—something on the order of such famous battles as Stanley Ketchel vs. Joe Thomas, Leonard-Tendler, Johnny Dundee-Willie Jackson, second Dempsey-Tunney, Barney Ross-Jimmy McLarnin, second Louis-Schmeling, Joe Lynch-Jack Sharkey, Willie Lewis-Sailor Burke, Attell-Driscoll and Jack O'Brien-Ketchel.

LaMotta may not be another Ketchel but there is little doubt he is the nearest approach to the Michigan Assassin. Fighters like Ketchel come once in a lifetime. Jake is not the giant killer type of Jack Dillon who mowed down heavyweights but he has the killer instinct of Jack Dempsey and that's saying a mouthful.

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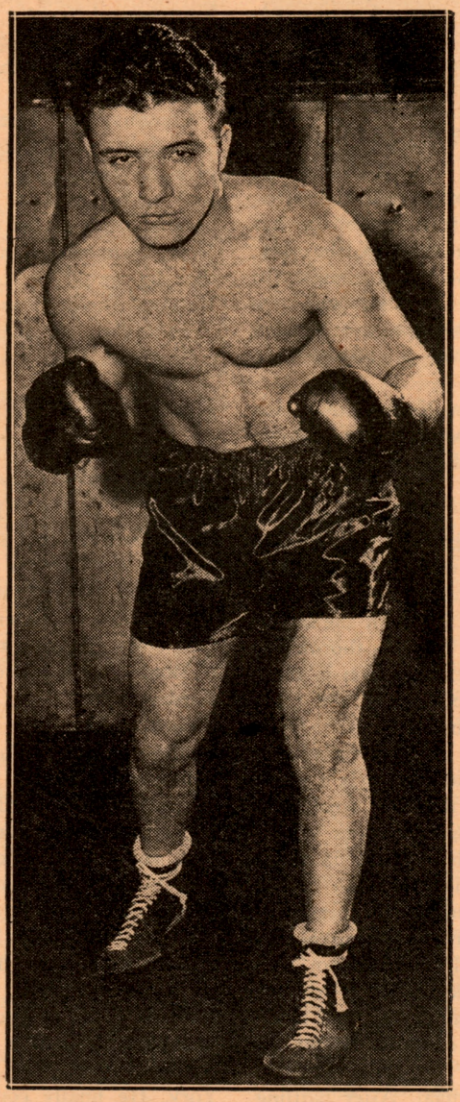
IN all of his seventy-one professional starts Jake has yet to disappoint the fans and his whirlwind style of milling has endeared him in the hearts of the customers. No one has ever knocked him down and he has proven his worth under fire. He is tireless and has plenty of heart.

Ketchel invented the famous one-two punch which elevated him to the top ranks of the 160-pound division. They've tried to copy the double paralyzing blow but no one has ever come near perfecting it. LaMotta carries dynamite in both hands. He weaves like Dempsey, rushes out of a crouch and hammers the body. Once he gets in there it takes a derrick to pry him loose from his opponent.

The crowning achievement in his five-year fistic career was the licking he administered to Ray Robinson, clever Negro, in a Detroit ring on February 5, 1943. He thrilled the crowd by scoring a knockdown and beating Robinson from pillar to post. He ruined Sugar Ray's collection of 41 straight victories, a feat that will long be remembered. LaMotta fought him four times more and they were all ripsnorters.

Outside the hempen ropes, LaMotta is one of the nicest chaps you'd ever want to meet. He is shy but once he gets under your skin you can't help but like him. He trains religiously and is always in condition for battle. He spends a good deal of time reading scientific subjects in addition to the current best sellers. He has learned all he knows all by himself and can converse intelligently on many subjects, preferably the atom bomb. He had a good public school education, in addition to three grades of high schooling before he tossed it all aside in favor of boxing.



Jake LaMotta, New York's high ranking middleweight.

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LAMOTTA'S life story reads like Horatio Alger's masterpiece "From Rags to Riches." Jake was born of immigrant parents on New York's lower East Side—10th Street and First Avenue, to be exact, on July 10, 1922. Many other notables first saw the light of day in the teeming Ghetto such as the late Governor Alfred E. Smith, the famous songsmiths Irving Berlin and Jerome Kern, U.S. Sen. Bob Wagner, judges, merchants, bankers and brokers and Washington legislators.

Originally LaMotta shined shoes and eked out a small living for the old homestead. Things were plenty rough for the family, his father earning just enough to keep the heads of five children above water. Joseph LaMotta moved his wife and children to Philadelphia for a short stay and finally wound up in the Bronx.

Today the LaMottas are living on the fat of the land, thanks to the flailing fists of Jacob. He owns a sumptuous home on Pelham Parkway, a New York suburb, and has provided handsomely for mother, father and brothers and sisters. He has earned a small fortune and has invested every penny wisely. He owns a bunch of real estate in the Bronx, is a member of several directorates and has his hand in several well paying apartment houses. If he hung up his gloves right now he'd have nothing to worry about the rest of his life. He is 24, at the peak of his form and the best years of fighting are before him.

His mother has a fine voice and her two daughters, Anna and Marie, have inherited it. Anna is using it to good advantage in night clubs. Brother Joie, two years younger than Jake, is another threat in the middleweight division, and the baby of the family, Albert, only 16, may also join the beak busting brigade.

It is worthy of note that Jake was turned down for service in the recent conflict because of a perforated eardrum. Who should step in and take his place but Pop Guiseppi! The elder LaMotta

served more than a year with distinction in the infantry. The gallant Guiseppi is 48 years old.

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AS a youngster LaMotta had many street fights and he conquered the toughies which made him a sort of hero. Although he didn't know it, many well-known pugilistic lights came from the same neighborhood—Leach Cross, Willie Beecher, Young O'Leary, Frankie Madden, Benny Leonard, Charley Beecher and a raft of others.

Jake scaled 185 for his short frame. He took up various exercises but they didn't do him much good. So he did the next best thing and joined the Teasdale A.C. in the Bronx where he began his boxing career. In the amateur ranks he won 21 fights "and I had every one of my opponents on the deck," reminisced LaMotta recently.

With no more worlds to conquer in the simon-pure ranks, Jake decided to go after a shot of the coin of the realm. He celebrated his professional debut by whipping Charley Mackley in four rounds on March 3, 1941. He was a light-heavyweight, having shaved off 10 pounds. Slowly but surely he kept cutting down on his weight so that today he scales 160 on the head, the legitimate middleweight poundage.

Among some of his early victims were Tony Gillon, Johnny Morris, Joe Fredericks, Stanley Goisz, Lorne McCarthy, Monroe Crewe, Johnny Cihlar, Lorenzo Strickland, twice; Joe Baynes, Joe Shikula and Cliff Koerkle. His first upset came at the hands of Jimmy Reeves in a Cleveland ring in his first year of battling.

And thereby hangs a tale. LaMotta, according to all press reports, walloped the daylights out of the Forest City favorite in ten torrid rounds but Reeves got one of those hometown decisions. The Cleveland folks, however, resented the unfair verdict and precipitated a riot that took almost the entire police force to quell. A free-for-all among the spectators followed and many heads were bashed. It took LaMotta two years to get Reeves to fight him again and in the return match Jake sunk Reeves' head deep in the resin dust in six heats.

He lost to Nate Bolden in ten rounds out Chicago way for which he received the magnificent sum of $50. What a difference a few years make! Jake went on to grab three $21,000 touches against Robinson and his share from the victorious stand against Tommy Bell in Madison Square Garden several months ago was $20,048.

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LA MOTTA fought Robinson five times and they were all humdingers. In their last meeting on September 26, 1945, over the twelve rounds trail in Chicago, Jake put up a hurricane finish to earn the "duke" but the officials ruled otherwise. Nate Lewis, a veteran manager who saw the fight, claims LaMotta received a raw deal. "If LaMotta ever won a fight it was this one," says Lewis. "He had Robinson running like a deer all through the fight. Whenever he caught up with him LaMotta landed the cleanest punches. A great many others in the big crowd thought the same as I did. That's my opinion and I'll stick by it."

After the Bolden scrap LaMotta went on to whip Frankie Jamison, Lou Schwartz, Vic Dellicurti, Jimmy Edgar, Wild Bill McDowell, Harry Chmielewski, Ossie Harris, Fritzie Zivic, Jose Basora, Georgie Kochan, George Costner, the latter a raging sensation in Chicago; Bert Lytell, Tommy Bell, Walter Woods and Charley Parham. This year he has had five battles beating Tommy Bell again, Mark Lockman (Kid Chicken), Joe Reddick, Holman Williams and drew with Jimmy Edgar.

His measurements follow: ankle, 9 inches; biceps, 14; thigh, 22¼; waist, 32½; chest normal 40½, chest expanded 42½; wrist, 6¾; forearm, 11¼; neck 16 and reach 78½. He stands 5 feet, 7¾ inches in his stocking feet. He wears a 7¼ hat.

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LA MOTTA is built like a brick tenement house, literally speaking. He is as durable as Battling Nelson, resembles Chicago K.O. Brown in action, and is clever in a sense that he doesn't take half the punishment the spectators think they see him absorbing.

He wades in from the tap of the first bell and keeps going at top speed every second he is in there. He is an improved Harry Greb in that he fights cleanly although his windmill style reminds you of the late destroyer of up and coming tyros. Like Terry McGovern, Jake hates the minute's rest between rounds. He is a punishing fighter and a good finisher. Once he gets his man in a bad spot he steps in and finishes the job at hand.

Unlike many other fighters, LaMotta doesn't gorge himself with food. He gets up at dawn, drinks a little juice and enjoys a couple of raw eggs. He doesn't drink coffee. Every morning finds him on the road knocking off five to six miles. He takes a rest and then prepares for a little ring work. He usually spars six rounds. Then he lays around reading books and newspapers. He doesn't eat a heavy meal until near six o'clock and then he punishes a steak with a heaping dish of salad. His father cooks all his meals. He hasn't tasted a piece of cake in years. No desserts, just plain food. He washes down the steak with either a bottle of beer or ale. Sometimes he goes to the movies for relaxation or to a Broadway show. He spends most of the time when he isn't training in raising Dobermans. He is a great dog fancier.

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ORIGINALLY LaMotta's trainer, lanky Jimmy Murray, became Jake's manager in February of 1945, and they have made a very happy combination. Murray is very loyal to his charge and manages him with a skillfulness that would do proud to up and coming managers. He doesn't speak above a whisper, listens and then makes a decision. His word is his bond, according to promoters and matchmakers the country over. Once he gives his word, the match is in. He doesn't quibble about purses. He states his case and that's that. If Murray believes LaMotta is worth what he asks, a mule can't move him.

Murray was a bit of a scrapper 30 odd years ago. Like LaMotta, he came up the hard way. But he didn't savvy taking punches so he did the next best thing and went in for managing and promoting and he has been highly successful. His brother Charley fought in the armories, boxing such topnotchers as Panama Joe Gans and Marty Powell. Another brother George also engaged in a few fights. Before teaming up with LaMotta, Murray promoted fights in many armories in New York City and at Newburgh, Kingston and Schenectady. He also piloted such good boys as K.O. McNulty, Midget Irle and Al Ferrera.

Murray sleeps, walks and drinks LaMotta. He will not stay put until his pride and joy is crowned boss of the middleweight class, and then he may chase Jake after the light-heavyweight championship.

Next to the heavyweight, the middleweight division has been the most colorful in ring history, and LaMotta is keeping that great division in the fistic spotlight now.

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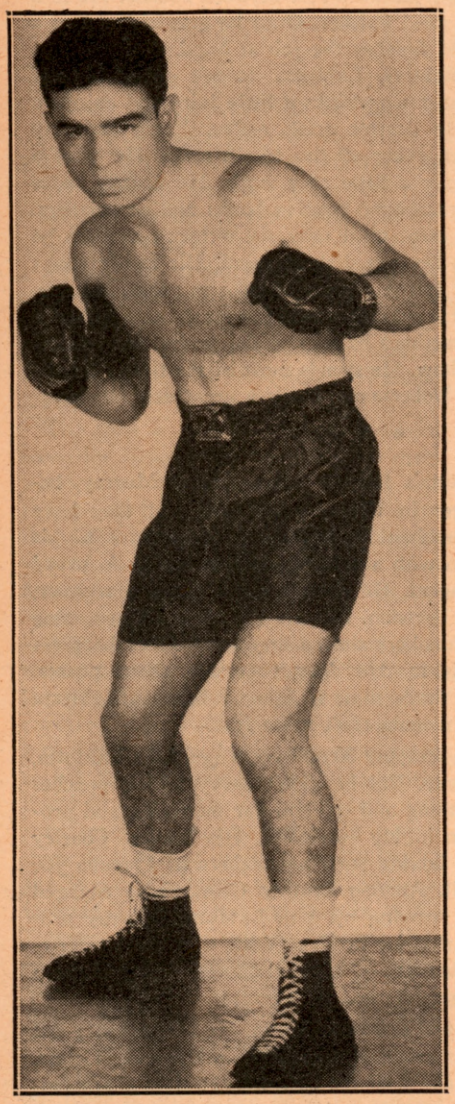
IF LaMotta gets a crack at the title which he richly deserves and is returned victorious his name will be scribbled alongside such renowned predecessors as Tom Chandler who defeated Dooney Harris with bare knuckles in 23 rounds back in 1867. Next in line was George Rooke. He was dethroned by Prof. Mike Donovan, father of Referee Arthur Donovan. Mike taught the fine points of the manly art to my favorite president Teddy Roosevelt in the White House.

After Donovan came Nonpareil Jack Dempsey, who fought with distinction. Another sterling champ was Ruby Robert Fitzsimmons who flattened Dempsey with a solar plexus wallop. Not forgetting Tommy Ryan, who is still in the land of the living; Ketchel, Billy Papke, Frank Klaus, George Chip, Al McCoy, Mike O'Dowd, Johnny Wilson, Harry Greb, Deacon Tiger Flowers, Mickey Walker, Gorilla Jones, Ben Jeby, Lou Brouillard, Vince Dundee, Teddy Yarosz, Babe Risko, Freddie Steele, Fred Apostoli, Al Hostak, Billy Soose, Georgie Abrams and finally Zale.

Hitting the Spotlight

By JIMMY THOMPSON

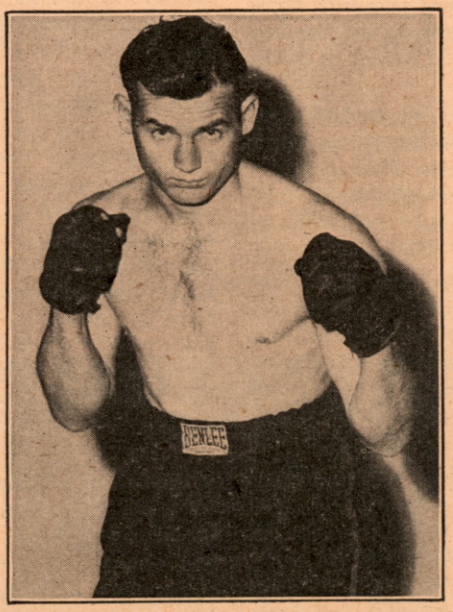


Paul Midiri, a featherweight from Corona, L. I., rated a fairly good puncher.

AS a youngster Pasquale J. DeMarco's primary ambition was to become a priest. He studied his grammar school lessons faithfully and was a model student until he laced on a pair of boxing gloves for the first time.

Today, Paddy DeMarco, whose love of books succumbed to the lure of the ring, is still a strong believer in education, and he has been fighting steadily, hoping to hit the top brackets and send his two kid sisters, Rita and Marie, through college. Thus far DeMarco has won eleven out of thirteen pro fights.

Paddy was born on February 10, 1928, in the Navy Yard district of Brooklyn, and upon completing his grammar school course enrolled at the Brooklyn High School for Specialty Trades, where he majored as a machinist. In addition to boxing, DeMarco excelled at swimming, football, baseball and basketball. DeMarco was too young for the service during the past war but he worked in the Brooklyn Navy Yard as an apprentice electrician and welder, and later as a machinist.



Jackie Lyons, Bridgeport, Conn., light-heavyweight, is boxing out of Oklahoma City after serving as a lieutenant in the United States Air Forces. Jackie has had thirteen professional fights with wins over Jim Marshall, Tommy Lenoir, Earl Peterson and Al Sheridan.

In 1945 he entered the *Daily News* Golden Gloves tourney as a lightweight and went as far as the semi-finals. He turned pro shortly thereafter, winning five fights in rapid succession.

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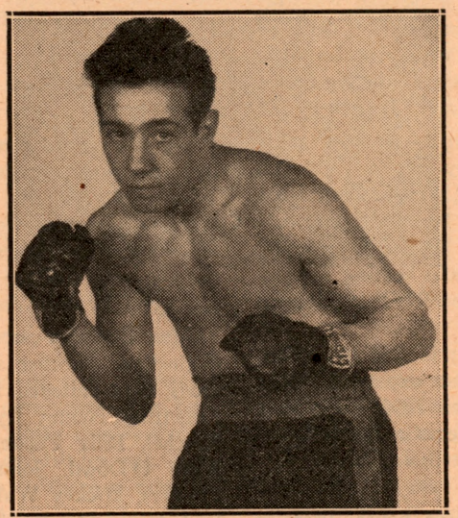
LARRY CISNEROS

BACK in ring action after more than four years of Army action with the First Armored Division, Gus Wilson's lightweight star, Larry Cisneros, seems to have regained his prewar form if his recent victories over Leon Spencer, Memo Llanes, Matt Oglesby and Frankie Moore are an indication.



Paddy DeMarco, rugged Brooklyn lightweight, who has won all but one of his twelve pro fights.

Larry Cisneros, crack Mexican lightweight, a war hero who was once given up for dead.

The ease with which the colorful Mexican trimmed Moore, the kayo conqueror of Chalky Wright, showed that Cisneros has lost none of the skill which saw him turn in good battles with men like Cecil Hudson, Jackie Wilson, Young Kid McCoy, and Sheik Rangel before going off to war.

Cisneros saw action in Africa, Anzio, and other parts of Europe, and at one time was reported killed in action. His clothing and other effects were sent to his manager. Although only a lightweight, he boxed middleweights Marcel Cerdan in Algiers and Omar Kouidri in Rome in 1943.

Larry was stopped in the seventh round of a rousing go with Cerdan.

Cisneros was born in Questa, New Mexico, on September 17, 1917. Recently he defeated Norman Rubio at the Garden.

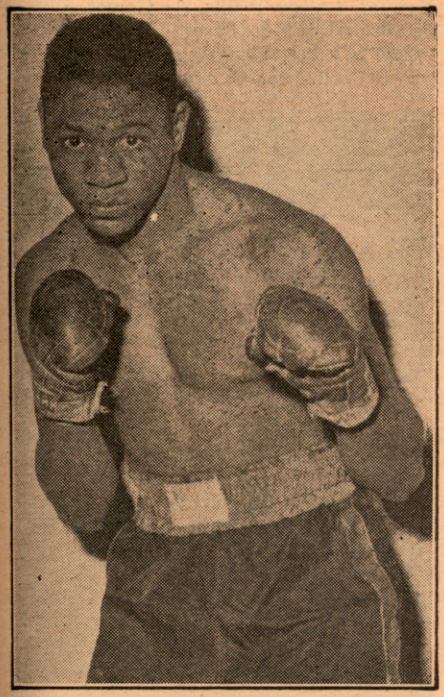
BOBBY SEAMON

BOBBY SEAMON, a 27-year-old native of Los Angeles, recently discharged from the Maritime Service after a four-year hitch, has come East eagerly seeking opposition among the 160-pounders in the New York area.

Before the war Bobby engaged in approximately 35 contests, winning 30, but after he had extended Archie Moore and Holman Williams, and had trounced Turkey Thompson in a ten-rounder, none of the Coast clouters cared to mingle with Seamon. Bobby quit to open a restaurant, then took another fling at boxing. Although he is a rough, tough, aggressive, two-fisted banger, bouts were few and far between as Seamon was constantly avoided by the middleweights in and around California.

Seamon then bought a gasoline station, but when war broke out he joined the Merchant Marine, despite the fact that he was married and had two daughters. Bobby shipped to almost every far-flung port on this globe during the crucial, dangerous war years. He was at Oran and England. He helped deliver vital supplies to Okinawa, Australia, the Marshall Islands and other Pacific stations.

Since receiving his honorable discharge, Bobby has drawn with and lost to Roy Miller, Henry Armstrong's protege. Once again Seamon found opposition scarce and subsequently headed for New York and placed himself under the guidance of Chickie Bogad and Irving Cohen.



Ben Skelton, rangy Pittsburgh lightweight, who turned pro recently after a brilliant amateur and service career.

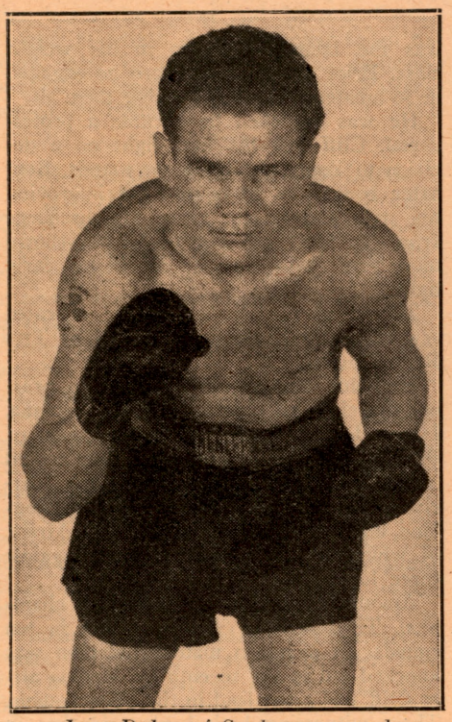
BEN SKELTON

BEN SKELTON, a rangy lad from Pittsburgh, is the latest of the ex-servicemen scrappers to cast his lot with the punch for pay boys. He is managed by Larry Nipp, a Smoky City industrialist.

Skelton enlisted in the Navy when he was eighteen years old and spent thirty-two months in the Aleutians and Alaska. Ben engaged in forty-eight GI bouts, winning all but one, which ended in a draw.

Upon his discharge, Ben was married, then set about seeking a little more experience before embarking upon a pro career. He won the State title as a lightheavyweight, and in the A.A.U. tourney in Boston, won four fights before losing out to Bob Foxworth. Ben applied for his pro license shortly afterward.

Skelton has already appeared in Madison Square Garden where he decisioned Abie Hopes. He is represented by Lew Burston in New York.



Joey Dolan of Spokane, a good featherweight.

JOEY DOLAN

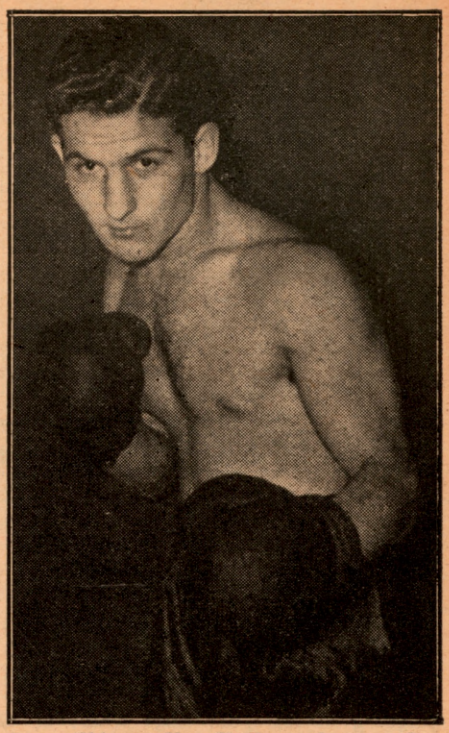
JOEY DOLAN, Spokane, Washington, featherweight, won nine fights in succession in New York City, even scored a victory in Madison Square Garden, yet failed to attract any particular attention until he was defeated in his tenth Gotham start.

Dolan tangled with clever Danny Carabella at the Ridgewood Grove and at the end of eight rounds of fairly even milling wound up on the wrong end of a split decision. In a rematch Dolan won, but the majority felt the decision should have gone to Carabella.

Prior to his Eastern invasion Dolan had amassed a good string of wins. Joey kayoed Nat Corum, beat Pee Wee Lewis, fought a slashing battle with the veteran Mike Belloise, and defeated Joe Robleto in a 15 round bout for the Northwest Pacific featherweight title.

Joey Dolan was born in North Dakota on November 3, 1920, and moved to Spokane at the age of sixteen. His ambition as a youngster was to become a major league baseball star, but Joey weighed only 100 pounds and was too frail. He became an amateur boxer instead and engaged in 58 bouts. He turned pro in 1943 and was later drafted into the Army where he served in the infantry. Dolan is married and the father of two children, a boy and a girl.

Thus far, Dolan has won ten out of his twelve New York fights.



Joey Albina, a New Yorker, who won Oregon State welter title while in service.

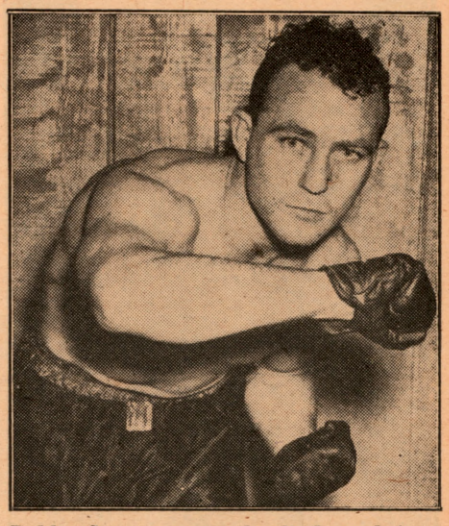
JOEY ALBINA

JOEY ALBINA, a New Yorker, who copped the 1936 Diamond Belt Championship in the welterweight division, has returned to Metropolitan rings after a three year stay on the Pacific Coast, during which time he won the Oregon State middleweight title by beating Mickey Pease in 15 rounds.

Albina, whose right name is Frank Argenziano, is probably the only fighter ever to be named after a shipyard. After serving in the Navy, Joey, or at that time Frank, took a job in the Albina Shipyards in Portland, Oregon. Shortly afterward a boxing team was formed and Argenziano's name was changed to Albina as a convenience to the local announcer.

Since he returned to the East, Albina has won six out of six starts. Joey is managed by Tommy Conti.

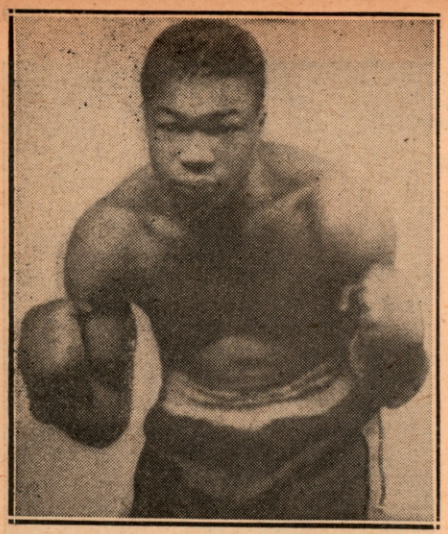
He is a good club fighter and may develop into a top notch middleweight.



Bobby Seamon, recently discharged from the Merchant Marine, now performing in New York rings.

CROWD PLEASERS

By NAT LOUBET



Cliff Anderson, British Guiana Bantamweight Champion, now boxing in European rings.

CLIFF ANDERSON

CLIFF ANDERSON, British Guiana Negro bantamweight champion, is back in action after serving in the Merchant Marine since 1939. Currently he is campaigning in European rings where he is holding his own with the best of them.

Anderson started his ring career at the age of fifteen in British Guiana, and at the time of his joining the Merchant Marine he was the Island champion in his weight class. Prior to his turning pro he engaged in 36 amateur contests, winning them all.

He was 18 when he became a professional. Cliff lost his first fight on a decision to Young Julius in six rounds. Bout after bout went by with Cliff improving his style and punch. Since his discharge from the Merchant Marine he has shown more ring savvy then he did in his early fights.

Today, at the age of 25, he is rated seventh in the bantamweight class by THE RING Magazine.

He holds wins over Young Abrigo, present flyweight champion of British Guiana, Hilton Denny, featherweight champion of the isle, and a draw with the highly touted Young Joe Ralph. Since leaving the Merchant Marine he has had 17 fights in England, one in Paris, and one in North Africa, of which he has hung up 16 wins against three losses.

Among his victims is the French champion, Theo Medina, whom he beat in ten rounds. In a return match Anderson was knocked out in the seventh by Medina after Cliff had a big lead in the other rounds. Those witnessing both bouts said that in the former he clearly outclassed the Frenchman and in the latter was ahead up to the time of his being kayoed. Anderson has won seven out of eight bouts this year.

While in London he beat such fighters as Gus Foran in ten, Barney McVeigh in a two-round kayo, and Sammy Reynolds in ten rounds. He also beat Tommy Medine in England and Murkey Jones.

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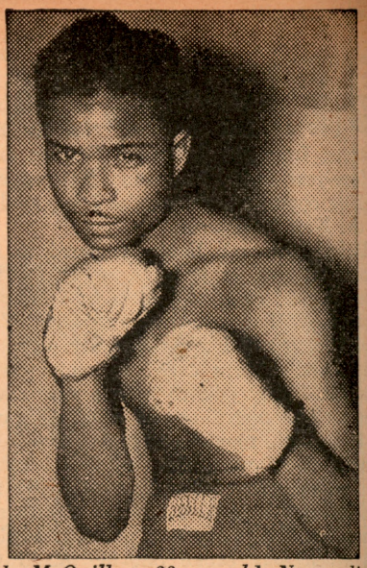
Corky Davis, 135-pound Irish slugger who specializes in slinging his leather fast.

BOB McQUILLAR

MICHIGAN'S promising Negro lightweight, Bob McQuillar, 23 years old, has been tossing leather since 1938, when as an amateur, he won the Port Huron district championship and the Michigan State championship in the 112-pound class. Since then Bob has had a lively ring career in the amateur and pro field. He captured the 118-pound amateur District and Michigan State championships in 1939. In 1940 he moved to Buffalo, New York. The same year he won the Niagara District "Golden Glove Championship," and New York State Championship in the 126-pound class, as well as annexing the Niagara District "Golden Glove" championship in the 135-pound class.

The following year he won the 126-pound District "Diamond Belt Championship" and "Hearst All American Diamond Belt" in Detroit. He kept up his pace among the 135-pound leather slingers by taking the "All American" crown in Boston, Mass.



Bob McQuillar, 23-year-old Negro lightweight, who is tossing leather in Michigan rings.

Bob entered the armed forces in 1943 and served until 1945 when he was honorably discharged. While in the service he had 35 fights, winning all.

Bob has had 22 pro fights of which he has won 19 and lost but three. His 19 wins consisted of nine kayoes and ten decisions.

In the past year he gained the nod over Art Price (twice), Johnny Varcy, Sandy Saddler, LeRoy Willis, Al Gomez, Charles Smith and Bill Eddy of Michigan.

Bob is a high school graduate. His man-

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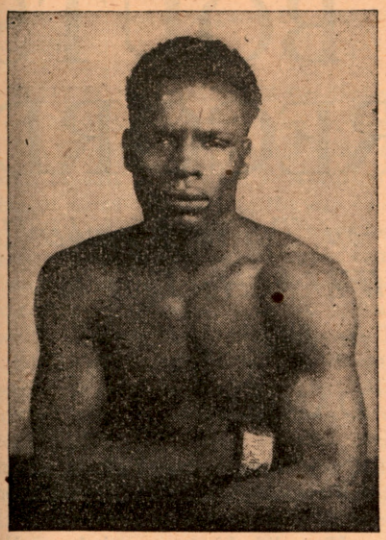
Eddie "Jack" Prince, Detroit lightweight, who shows promise.

FAVORITES *in their* SECTOR



Ace Miller, Coast lightweight, now fighting out of Toledo, Ohio.

BEN JOHNSON

NOT since a raw-boned hoss wrangler, named Lew Jenkins, was flattening all opposition, has Texas had a good puncher to get excited about. That is, until recently, when another lanky youngster, named Ben Johnson, began to duplicate Lew's feats.

Imagine, if you can, the hitting power of Jenkins if he had been some fifty pounds heavier and you begin to get an idea of what sort of slugger this Johnson kid really is. Just recently turned twenty, "Beltin' Ben" is now scaling around the 170 mark and probably will be a full-fledged heavyweight before the year is out. He stands close to six feet two inches, has thin legs and hips, but tremendous, wide shoulders, from whence comes his hitting ability. He is a pretty smooth boxer for a youngster. He can take it, too, and has never been on the floor.

Ben started boxing as an amateur just two years ago and to date has had close to thirty-five pro fights. Johnson has scored more than twenty kayoes.

A native of Houston, Johnson is a rarity for a Texan, for he claims never to have roped a steer or ridden a horse. Although THE RING Record Book does not reveal it, Johnson says he scored two knockouts in one evening in San Diego two years ago. Ben boxed the opener and flattened Oscar Noblitt in a heat. A prelim boxer failed to show later in the evening and Johnson stepped in again and stiffened Pat Patterson in one round.

Joe Andary, sharp punching Detroit 140-pounder, who shows promise.

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JOE ANDARY AND GENE BOLAND

ARTHUR TRACY, former British welterweight contender, who won over 350 professional fights during his ring career, has written to THE RING to announce that his son, Art, Jr., is now back in training after a three-year hitch in the Army. The lad of the famed fighter, who weighed 144 pounds before joining the colors, now scales 165 pounds.

At present Tracy's attention is centered upon two of his young prospects, Joe Andary, a 140-pounder, and Gene Boland, a middleweight. Boland, who is nineteen years old, has been boxing professionally a little over a year. In 1944 Gene reached the finals of the National Amateur Championships in the lightweight division, losing to Art Price at Detroit's Olympia.

Andary is also a graduate of the amateur ranks. He is rated as a good puncher. Before leaving for service Joe won eight pro fights without a setback. In two post-war tilts Andary defeated Solly Sanchez and kayoed Miguel Arroya. Both bouts took place in Detroit.

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ACE MILLER

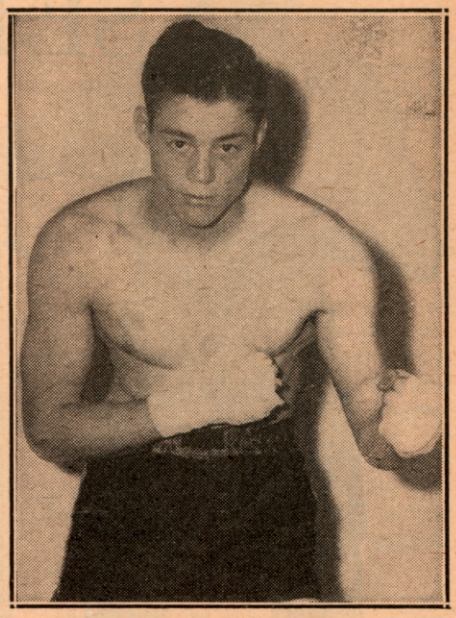
ACE MILLER, who now makes his home in Toledo, Ohio, is the former crack Californian who defeated Nick Moran, Lupe Gonzales and Torpedo Reed on the Coast. Since moving to the Midwest, Miller has won from good boxers like Johnny Bratton, Joey Pirrone and Bill Eddy.

This year, the Ace made a good showing with Ike Williams, N.B.A. lightweight champion, although he dropped a ten-round decision. Miller is handled by Johnny Crockett, well-known Toledo fight figure.

JACKIE BLOUNT

JACKSONVILLE'S favorite boxer is Jackie Blount, a young, blond-headed student, who weighs 130 and is attending the Andrew Jackson Senior High School. He is a dead ringer for Lee Savold, the heavyweight contender.

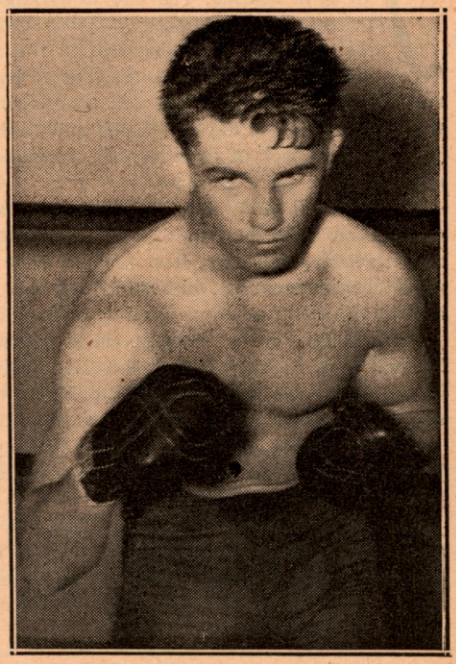
Jackie is a graduate of the 1945 Jacksonville *Journal* Golden Gloves. He was that year's featherweight champion and went to New York's Ridgewood Grove, where he tangled with Nick Napopi, losing to the latter. Since turning pro, Blount has defeated Tom Peavy by kayoes in the first and fourth rounds, and has knocked out Dick Boylston in four, Eddie Webb in one and three, Joe Kanana in three, and Kierce Jones in one. He won decisions over Carl McKinney in two ten-rounders and a sixer, fought Fag Simmons a six-round draw, and has been beaten by Pee Wee Flores via a T.K.O. in four and by Billy Lima by a T.K.O. in six. He lost decisions to Paul Cook in six, Jennings Brotherton in six, and to Clouting Hal Meredith in four.



Ben Johnson, hard-hitting Houston light-heavyweight, with a long string of knockouts.

He is being handled by Biff Holstein, who trains the Golden Glovers for the Jacksonville *Journal* tourneys. Jackie has another year to go before he can actually display his wares in various parts of the South.

On June 14 he clashed at Jacksonville with Bob Pearson and lost a close contest. It was an eight-rounder



Gene Boland, a former National Amateur finalist, making rapid strides in the professional ranks.

BRITTON *vs.* LEWIS SERIES *of* 20 BOUTS SET RECORD

Ted Kid Lewis

Jack Finally Hung Haymaker on Ted in Number 18 and Gained Welter Title Which He Lost to Mickey Walker in 1922

By DANIEL M. DANIEL

JACK VS. TED KID, FIGHT-BY-FIGHT

Here are the results of the 20 bouts in which Jack Britton and Ted Kid Lewis opposed each other from March 1915 to February 1921:—

March 26, 1915—New York ...10 rounds—No decision
Aug. 31, 1915—Boston .....Lewis won in 1
Sept. 28, 1915—Boston .....Lewis won in 12
Jan. 20, 1916—Buffalo .....10 rounds—No decision
Feb. 15, 1916—Brooklyn .....10 rounds—No decision
April 25, 1916—New Orleans Britton won in 20 rounds
Oct. 17, 1916—Boston .....Britton won in 12 rounds
Nov. 14, 1916—Boston .....Draw in 12 rounds
March 26, 1917—Cincinnati ..10 rounds—No decision
May 19, 1917—Toronto, Ont. 10 rounds—No decision
June 6, 1917—St. Louis .....10 rounds—No decision
June 14, 1917—New York ...10 rounds—No decision
June 25, 1917—Dayton, Ohio Lewis won in 20 rounds
March 6, 1918—Atlanta, Ga. 10 rounds—No decision
May 2, 1918—Scranton, Pa. .....10-round draw
May 24, 1918—New York .....6 rounds—No decision
June 20, 1918—New York .....6 rounds—No decision
March 17, 1919—Canton, Ohio
Britton won by K.O. in 9 rounds
July 28, 1919—Jersey City, N. J. 8 rounds—No decision
Feb. 7, 1921—New York ...Britton won in 15 rounds

JACK BRITTON, now 61 years of age, last was reported to be in Florida. Ted Kid Lewis, aged 52, is a bookmaker or running a pub—or both—in England. Each held the welterweight championship of the world, each was acclaimed as a master boxer. And through their ring histories runs the strangest story you will find anywhere in the annals of the game, since the days of Cribb and Molyneaux.

A careful check of their records shows that Britton and Lewis met no fewer than 20 times.

It was back in 1915 that their series was started in a ten-round, no decision battle in New York. Those were what were known as the membership days. The laws of New York State forebade public boxing contests, but could not stop two members of an athletic organization from meeting in the club precincts.

And so there were set up so-called private athletic clubs. The "members" at first were required to sign applications, accompanied, of course, by the requisite fee. But later this legalistic formality was abandoned, and the police began to raid fights with abandon.

"In this corner, Ted Lewis, pride of England; in that corner Jack Britton, America's own—ten rounds, and both members of this club," was the formula.

From New York to Boston, to Buffalo, back to New York, then down into New Orleans, and back to Boston, this most amazing rivalry the ring yet has boasted moved to the financial benefit of the contestants, and the bewilderment of the experts.

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CINCINNATI, Toronto, St. Louis, Dayton, Atlanta, Canton, Scranton, Jersey City—all up and down the whole creation, it was Britton against Lewis, and no self-respecting fight club could afford to do without this museum piece.

How did this series wind up? Nobody knows. So many of their meetings were no decision affairs. Of course, there were unofficial verdicts, but even these show such a wide variance of opinion as to be wholly useless as an index to their final standing.

Eleven no decision—and of the nine that were fought to an official verdict, four went to Britton, three to Lewis, and two resulted in draws.

Could anything be keener and closer? Over a period of seven years, from their March 26, 1915, engagement in New York to their February 7, 1921 fight in that city, they battled through 222 rounds.

Quite a record!

Certainly they must have been able to call the turn on every move. They must have been able to diagnose each other's punches with uncanny precision.

Yet, there was a clean knockout in this series, and it came in their eighteenth meeting, on St. Patrick's Night in Canton, Ohio, in 1919. Britton landed in the ninth round.

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BENNY LEONARD and Johnny Dundee had quite a series. They met eight times, and it was considered remarkable. Leonard and Phil Bloom also did pretty well with a series of eight engagements.

Jack Johnson and Sam McVey met four times. McVey and Joe Jeannette fought five times. And then there was the famous McVey-Sam Langford competition which ran through no fewer than 15 editions all around the world. Jeannette and Langford met a dozen times.

However, Johnson, Jeannette, McVey, Langford and Battling Jim Johnson were Negroes, and they had a tough time getting matches with white rivals. As a consequence, they had to hold an interminable round-robin among themselves.

Britton and Lewis had no such reason for their record series. They were topnotchers, and could command matches at high prices everywhere that boxing was promoted.

However, they were so skillful, so evenly matched—and international rivals, to boot. It was America against England, and that still is a great draw, though nothing like it was before the United States and Britain got together in the first World War.

There is no blinking the fact that the 20 fight series between Jack and Ted was under continuous suspicion, and subject to incessant aspersion. It became known as the Brother Act.

However, those who were close to the ring all through the seven-year period of Britton-Lewis contention insist that there was utterly no reason to doubt the honesty of the boxers' efforts. "They are just too good for each other," the oldtimers will tell you.

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BRITTON—actually Bill Breslin—was born at Clinton, N. Y., in 1885. Lewis was born in London nine years later.

Ted kept right on appearing in the ring until November, 1925, when he lost to Simmon Rossman on a foul in the eighth and decided to call it quits, at the age of 31.

Britton, one of the most enduring boxers in the history of the sport, continued in the ring until 1930, when he was 45 years of age, to take a job as boxing instructor at the Downtown A. C.

For 26 long years Britton was a competitor in the professional ring. He was 20 when he broke into the record book with a six-round decision over Johnny Earle. Then he beat Eddie Wallace over a similar distance. Young Loughrey, Tommy Herman, Tod Moran, Eddie Carter, Eddie Fay, all marvelled at the skill of the youngster from Clinton, N. Y.

Jack did have one unpleasant experience in that debut year. Steve Kinney stopped him in a couple of minutes.

However, Jack picked himself off the floor and started all over again, to launch out on a truly remarkable career.

Ted Kid Lewis, born in the tough St. George's-in-the-East section of London, had to start defending himself at the age of six. At 16 he made his professional debut and knocked out one Young Sullivan in three rounds.

In his fourth year as a boxer, Lewis stopped Alec Lambert in 17 rounds, for the featherweight championship of England. The next year Ted whipped Paul Til for the featherweight laurels of all Europe, the Frenchman landing a foul blow in the twelfth.

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WORD came to the United States that the newly gained lightweight supremacy of Freddy Welsh was in jeopardy. Lewis landed in this country by way of Australia, and made his American debut on November 9, 1914, in a ten-round, no decision engagement with Phil Bloom, in New York. The stage was being set for the Big Series.

It is interesting that Welsh and Lewis never met in the ring. When Freddy met his Waterloo, it was against an American, Benny Leonard.

When Lewis arrived in this country, he already was outgrowing the lightweight class and building ambitions in the direction of the welter title.

He found the welterweight situation still in the chaos into which it had been thrown by Mike Twin Sullivan's having become a middleweight in 1907.

The trouble really started in 1904, when the Dixie Kid won from Joe Walcott on a foul in the twentieth round in San Francisco. The decision was disputed, and the Dixie Kid did not stay around to become involved in the dispute. He went to Europe, and soon became a middleweight.

With the Kid away, Walcott again laid claim to the title and was outpointed by Honey Mellody in 15 rounds. Then Sullivan beat Mellody.

After Mike Twin had outgrown the welter class, Jimmy Gardiner, Ray Bronson, Kid Ferns, Jimmy Clabby, Mike Gibbons, Kid Graves, Kid Glover, Lewis and Britton all entered claims as the years rolled along.

Finally it became apparent that Lewis and Britton were the class and that the only way to settle the controversy was to match them. This was quickly accomplished.

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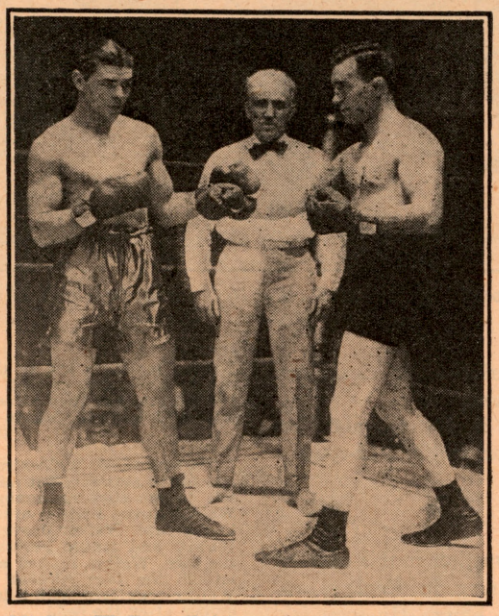
AFTER Ted and Jack had looked each over in their ten round feeler-outer in New York, they signed for a title fight in Boston. They met on the night of August 31, 1915, and the battle went the 12-round limit, with the Englishman getting the decision—and the welterweight championship of the world.

Britton squawked. He "could lick Ted any old time." He demanded another match—and right soon, too.

They met again within a month, once more in Boston, and again Lewis was the winner on points over the 12-round distance.



Mickey Walker (left) squaring off with Jack Britton prior to starting their welterweight championship fight in Madison Square Garden on November 1, 1922. Patsy Haley is the referee.

And that was how this record series was born. It just naturally became a habit.

Twice they went the long haul—20 rounds—and they broke even on those. Britton took the first 20 rounder, at New Orleans on April 25, 1916, and Lewis won the second one, at Dayton, Ohio, on June 25, 1917.

Lewis was the more inured to newspaper criticism of his series with Britton. "Let them holler," he said, "so long as we do the best we can and the promoters keep wanting us."

Britton was not so complacent about what the sports pages carried concerning the "Brother Act."

When they signed for the fight in Canton, where you could have your decision or let it alone, Lewis proposed that they have another no-verdict battle.

Lewis was the recognized welter champion, and, of course, it was to his interest to continue to stave off a title argument just so long as he could.

However, Britton refused to fight without the title being at stake.

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JACK said he didn't like that sports page talk about frameups. And besides, he knew the series could not run on forever, and that he could take the title if they fought where an official verdict could be given. As it turned out, Jack did not need a decision. He settled the issue with a knockout.

Lewis was very bad that night. He did not land ten good punches in the nine rounds.

Jack went along at a fair pace for five heats, and then cut loose. In the sixth he put Lewis down no fewer than three times and Ted made it exceedingly tough for Matt Hinkel, the referee, by holding on for dear life when he wasn't on the floor.

Britton started toward the title in that sixth with a right to the nose. Ted went back on his heels. A left to the jaw sent Lewis down for a count of four. He would have done better to have taken more time. His seconds shouted to him to remain down for nine, but his brain was a bit addled and he pulled himself up.

Once again Britton landed a left to the jaw and Ted hit the canvas for six.

As he regained his feet, Jack shot a left hook to the button and the Englishman went to his hands and knees, for eight. He arose and held on tight until the bell clanged to his rescue.

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IT took all of Lewis' tricks and wiles to prevent further misadventures in the seventh and eighth rounds. Britton let up, too. He knew he had Ted where he wanted him, and that the old champion definitely was on the way out.

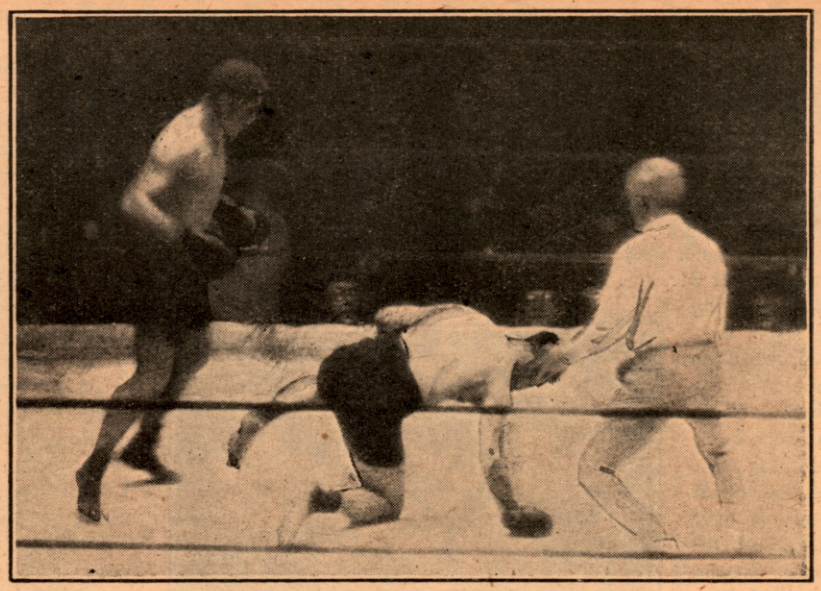
In the ninth, Britton said to his seconds, "This is it." Jack dashed out at the bell and nailed his man with a left to the jaw.

Lewis' knees buckled under him. He fell into a clinch. Britton tore himself loose and rammed home a terrific fusillade of lefts to the head, and the man whom he was meeting for the eighteenth time collapsed. Ted tumbled in a sickly heap. They counted. But

there was no need for the formality. He was as completely out, as thoroughly whipped, as he was to be in his entire career.

This left Jack Britton with the world's welterweight title, and Lewis with the customary yen for a return match. He got it, an eight-rounder in Jersey City. Nobody got hurt. This was four months after the Canton knockout.

They did not meet again for nearly two years and when Britton took the decision in 15 heats, on February 7, 1921, Ted knew the jig was up.



Jack Britton floored by Mickey Walker in the bout in which The Toy Bulldog won the welterweight crown.

Lewis decided that his big money-making abilities in the United States were nearing their close, and started to arrange for his return to England.

He went ten rounds with Jack Perry in Detroit, and then was whipped in ten by Nate Siegel in Boston, and in a 15-rounder by Augie Ratner in New York.

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THAT marked the end of Ted as a competitor in this country. In June, 1921, he resumed campaigning in England and found conditions there much more to his liking. He soon laid claim to the middleweight championship of Europe, and on February 15, 1923, was outpointed in 20 rounds by Roland Todd, who became recognized as the title holder over there.

Among Ted's misadventures in that English homestretch of his career was a silly match with Georges Carpentier, who in May, 1922, knocked him cold in the first heat.

Britton lost that welter crown to no mean fighter. It was the durable and aggressive Mickey Walker who took the laurels away from Jack in a furious 15-round struggle in New York on the night of November 1, 1922.

Walker did everything to Jack but knock him out. Mickey was young, coming fast, powerful, destined to be a great fighter. Britton was 37 years of age, and fading.

Walker scored three knockdowns and took 12 out of the 15 rounds. In the last five heats, Jack was on the verge of a knockout every second of the fighting.

Walker went into the ring a 2 to 1 favorite, and fought like a 50 to 1 choice. In the short space of three years, Mickey rose to the title.

Britton was floored in the second, tenth and twelfth rounds of that memorable battle in which Walker showed the mettle that was to carry him to the middleweight championship of the world, then to two unsuccessful shots at the light-heavyweight title, a ten-round draw with Jack Sharkey, a ten-round triumph over Paulino and that courageous eight-round stand against Max Schmeling.

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THE round-by-round story of the Britton-Walker battle is one of the most thrilling in the ring record. Here it is:

First Round

Britton missed a left jab for the face. Walker landed a left and right to the face. Walker hooked a left to the jaw and Britton backed across the ring. Britton missed a left hook for the face and almost went through the ropes.

Britton was shaken by a left to the face, and Walker hooked a left to the stomach and crossed a right to the jaw. Britton missed a left hook for the face, and Walker hooked a left to the jaw that staggered Britton. Walker pressed in with rights and lefts to the body. Walker forced Britton to the ropes with a two-handed assault. Britton pressed Walker to the ropes and landed a hard right to the jaw. They exchanged rights to the face at the bell.

Second Round

Britton landed a light left jab to the stomach. Walker, off balance, almost slipped to the floor. In a clinch, Walker pounded the ribs of his rival. They exchanged left jabs. A left hook by Britton knocked some foreign substance out of Walker's mouth. Britton hooked two lefts to the stomach and two rights to the jaw. Walker hooked a left to the jaw which sent Britton down on his hands and knees in Walker's corner. Britton got up without a count. Walker hooked a left to the stomach and a right to the face. Britton countered with a left to the face and then Walker reached the chin with two rights. They were clinched at the bell.

Third Round

Walker jabbed a left to the face. They clinched. Britton jabbed his left to the face and took a left hook to the stomach in return. In an exchange at long range, Walker hooked a left to the jaw. They clinched. Britton jabbed a left to the stomach. Walker drove a left to the chest and they clinched. Britton passed a right to the face. Britton hooked a left to the stomach. Britton hooked a left and right to the stomach and crossed a right to the face. Walker blocked a right for the jaw and then forced Britton across the ring. Britton made Walker miss with lefts and rights for the face.

Fourth Round

They clinched. Walker missed a left hook for the face. Walker hooked a left to the stomach, but missed a left hook for the face. Walker hooked his left to the stomach again and took a right to the stomach in return. Walker forced Britton around the ring. Britton, in retreat landed a right to the face. Walker drove a hard right to the stomach. Britton outboxed Walker and landed several times past Walker's guard with a right to the face. Walker hooked a left to the stomach. Britton twice jabbed his left to the face without a return. Britton hooked a left to the face. Walker countered with a left hook to the jaw. They mixed it in a neutral corner after the bell.

Fifth Round

Walker hooked a left to the face. Britton stepped back out of reach of Walker's left and then leaped in with a left and right to the face. They clinched. Britton was short with a left jab, but drove a right to the jaw. Walker landed a glancing right to the jaw. Walker drove a right to the heart. Britton drove a left and right to the face. Walker sent a left to the stomach. Britton sent a left and right to the face. Britton three times jabbed his left to the face without a return. Britton had Walker missing repeatedly. Britton twice jabbed his left to the face and took a left hook to the face in return.

Sixth Round

They exchanged left jabs in a clinch. Walker landed a left to the stomach, but took a left and right to the face in return. Walker landed a right to the stomach. Britton countered with a left and right to the face. Again Walker hooked a left to the jaw which sent Britton back, and the crowd yelled encouragement. Walker was ineffective in a furious rally. Walker again stung Britton with a left hook to the jaw, and followed up with a left and right to the face which forced Britton to clinch. Walker pounded the stomach with both hands. Walker almost spun Britton around with a left hook to the stomach and a right to the jaw. They were clinched at the bell.

Seventh Round

Walker drove a right to the heart and a left to the face. Britton crouched low. Walker uppercut with the left. Walker hooked a left to the jaw, and they clinched. Walker hooked a left to the face, and followed with a left hook to the body. Britton bled from the nose. Britton jabbed a left to the face, but took a right and left to the body in return. Walker drove a left and right to the face, and they clinched. Walker jabbed a left to the face. Walker drove a left to the face and a right to the ribs. Walker almost upset Britton with a left hook to the jaw. Britton went to close quarters and clinched. Walker forced Britton to the ropes and drove a right to the face.

Eighth Round

Walker hooked a left to the face. Walker forced Britton about the ring. Walker drove his left to the stomach and they clinched. Walker repeatedly hooked his left to the jaw, forcing Britton to retreat. Walker hooked a left to the stomach. Walker staggered Britton with a left hook to the jaw. Britton hooked a left to the face, but took a right to the jaw in return. They exchanged rights to the face. Walker hooked a left to the face. Britton drove a left to the jaw and crossed his right to the face. Walker missed a left hook to the face and they clinched. Walker stung Britton with a left hook to the jaw.

Ninth Round

They went into a clinch. Walker hooked a left to the jaw. Walker hooked a left and right to the body. Walker forced the fighting, jabbing and hooking his left to the face. Britton held in the clinches. Walker grazed the face with a left. Walker drove a left hook to the jaw at close quarters. Britton three times uppercut his right to the face, sending Walker's head back. Walker drove a hard right and left to the body and hooked his left to the face. Walker jabbed a left to the face. Walker jabbed a left to the face and at close quarters Britton sent his rival's head back with a right uppercut. Walker drove his right to the body in a clinch.

Tenth Round

Britton jabbed his left to the face and tried to clinch, but Walker lashed out with lefts and rights to the body. Walker jabbed his left to the face twice without a return. Walker sent Britton's head back with a left hook to the face. Walker jabbed his left to the face twice.

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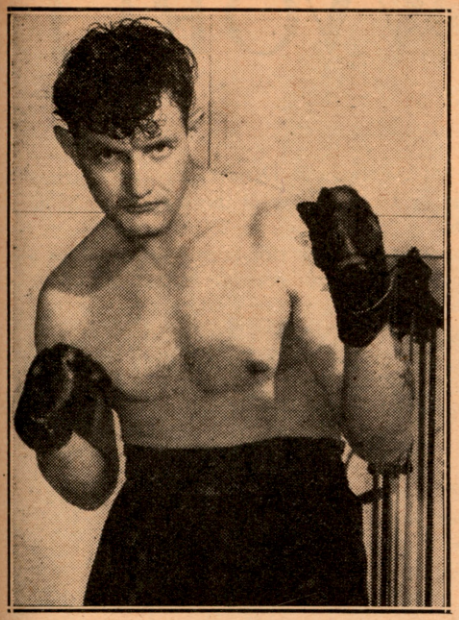

Don Ehrlich, managed by comedian Lou Costello. He scored eighteen one-round knockouts in service tournaments.

LOU COSTELLO, the pudgy little radio and screen star, has now invaded the boxing game in conjunction with Eddie Davis, veteran Pacific Coast manager. Costello is interested in two young heavies, Don Ehrlich of Denver, Colorado, and John McNutt of Washington.

Both lads are ex-servicemen. Ehrlich scored eighteen one-round kayoes in service tournaments. McNutt served as a sparring partner for Joe Kahut around Portland, Ore. Joe Waterman, Portland promoter, and a good judge of embryonic fighting talent, feels that John is a comer who can't miss making the grade.

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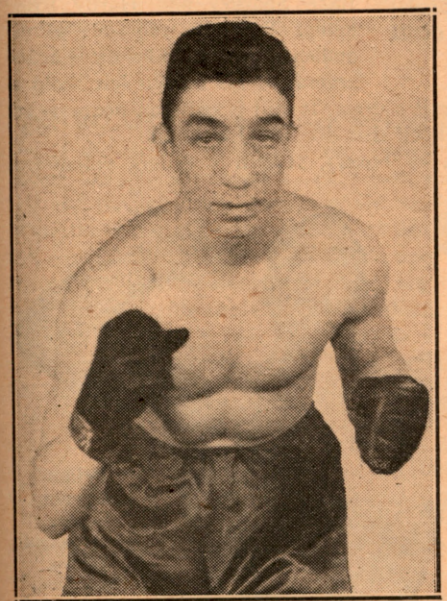
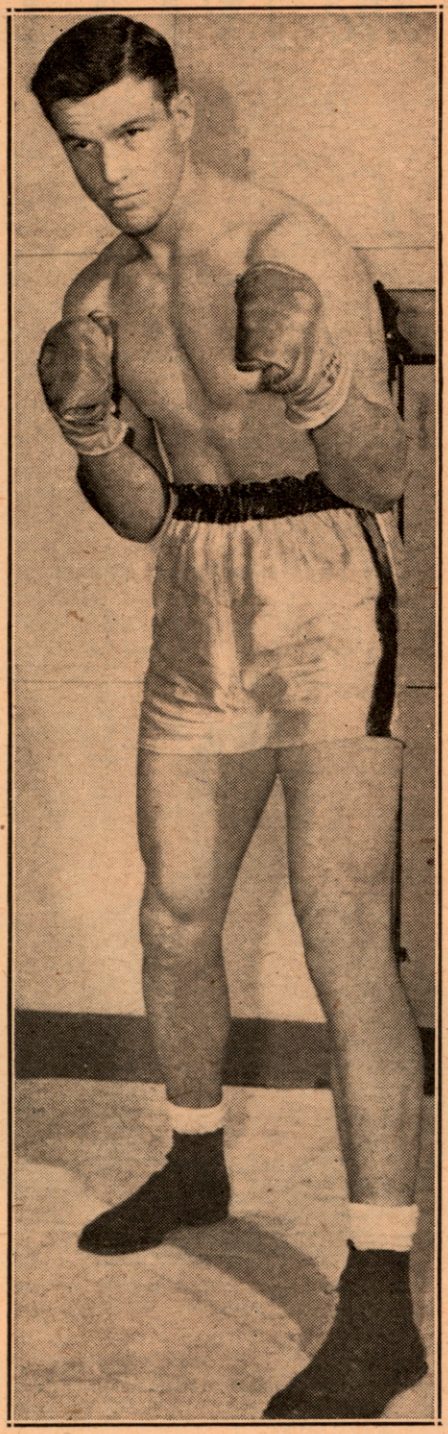
TONY ELIZONDO

WITH less than two dozen pro fights to his credit, youthful Tony Elizondo, Corpus Christi middleweight, has already established himself as one of the top attractions in the Southwest.



Richie Schiavone, lightweight stablemate of Jake LaMotta, who was recently inducted into the army.



John McNutt, White Salmon, Washington, heavyweight who has impressed Pacific Coast fight critics.

During 1945 Elizondo won his first eight scraps, scoring six knockouts. In his first main event start, Tony scored a sensational one-round knockout over the seasoned Paul Altman to win the state 160-pound title. In a return go with Altman he was knocked out in two rounds at Houston on December 11, 1945, for the only blemish on his otherwise perfect record.

This year Elizondo has won ten bouts.

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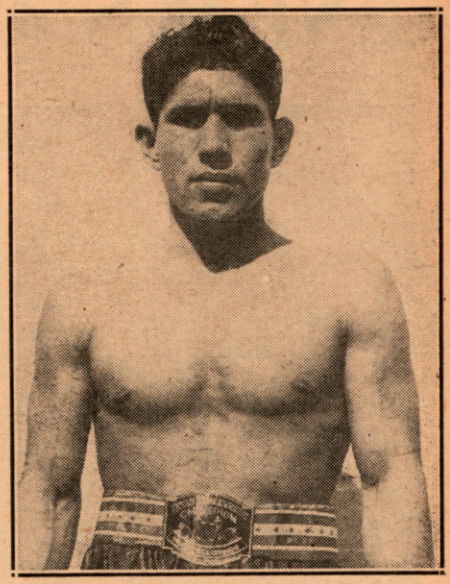
RICHIE SCHIAVONE

JIMMY MURRAY, popular manager of leading middleweight challenger, Jake LaMotta, has taken an eighteen-year-old lightweight named Richie Schiavone under his wing.



Tony Elizondo, crack Texas middleweight youngster who has won all but one of his pro fights.

Richie was drafted into the Army recently, but feels that military training is just what he requires to develop his body and gain endurance.

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PETE MEAD

THE city of Grand Rapids, Mich., which produced so fine a fighter as Wesley Ramey, now boasts a good middleweight prospect in twenty-two-year-old Pete Mead. Pete, who began boxing under Ramey's guidance, took part in fifty-five amateur bouts and suffered only five losses.

Pete joined the Army June 7, 1943, and served until 1946, when he was honorably discharged. He saw action during the breakthrough at the Battle of the Bulge as a medic.

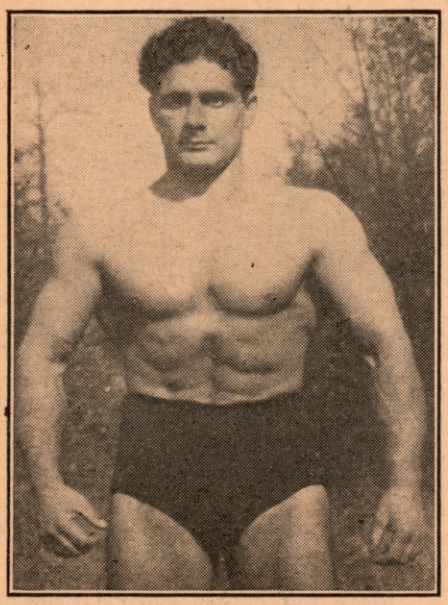
Since resuming his career, Mead has boxed 12 times. He defeated Vince La Salva and Curly Denton among others. He is a little over six feet in height.

On the Oma-Walcott show Mead scored impressively in his New York debut against Tommy Merrill. Tex Sullivan handles him.

Pete Mead, middleweight, Grand Rapids, Mich.

NEWS *of the* MAT WORLD

By "STANLEY"



Lou Farino, popular young star who recently returned from service.

LOU FARINO dropped into THE RING Offices recently after giving Uncle Sam five years of his time in the Army. A likeable lad, with an inborn love for wrestling, Lou Farino is once again in action and willing to meet all comers.

Not a newcomer to the sport, Farino started his professional career back in 1936 after graduating from Demerest High School, Hoboken, New Jersey. During his school years he and crooner Frank Sinatra were very close pals. Lou taught Frankie several wrestling holds but after hearing Lou try to sing, we feel sure that Frankie Boy never taught the former how to yodel.

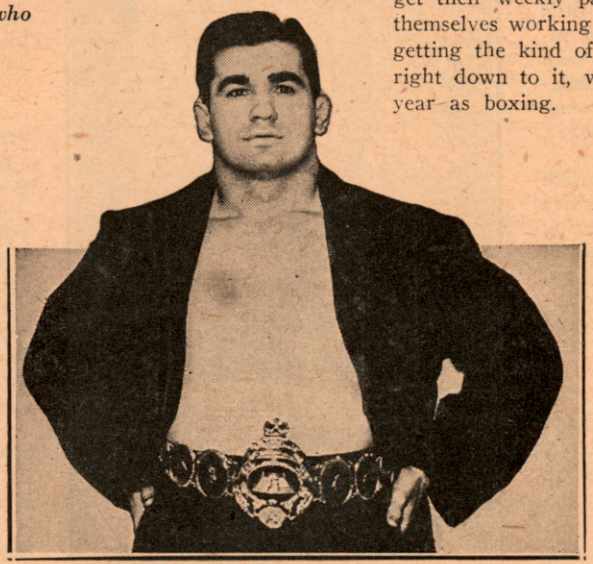
As an amateur, Farino won the National AAU title in 1935 and went on to ring up a great simon pure record. His idol always was and always will be Jim Londos. At the start of his pro career, Lou was given the opportunity to meet Londos and the great Greek taught Farino a lot during that meeting. In addition to Londos, Farino has met the best wrestlers including Marshall, Lewis, Detton, all the Dusek brothers, Garibaldi, DeGlane, Steele, McMillen, etc.

Unlike the average wrestler, Lou Farino does not depend upon grappling as a means of making a living. He earns over $100 for four days of modeling for artists. His beautifully proportioned body is a sculpturer's dream and he has many calls for posing. Lou, however, would much rather wrestle than model as he believes wrestling is much easier work.

Lou is a very powerful fellow who can tear a thick telephone book as easily as you or I could tear a sheet of paper. He is also capable of pulling an automobile with his teeth and driving a spike through a board with his fist. Lou gives full credit to bar bells for his great strength in addition to proper diet and plenty of sleep. He can lift a 340 pound bell over his head. After reading this description of the red-headed Lou Farino, one would gather that he is a huge person with plenty of beef behind him while in reality, he is only five feet seven inches tall and tips the scales at one hundred ninety pounds.

While in the service, Lou was a jiu jitsu instructor with the 9th Division. He saw service in North Africa and rose to the rank of sergeant.

At present Farino is wrestling in the East and is under the direction of Toots Mondt and Al Mayer.



Louis Thesz, tough Canadian wrestler who is a thrill provider.

Dots and Dashes. . . . From out Denver way we learn of a new stunt indulged in by the bad boys of the mat. Tom Zaharias and Roberto Pico had a rough time of it one night with one blow leading to another and a near riot taking place in the mile high city. The promoter, seeing an opening for something new, matched Zaharias and Pico for a return set-to. However, boxing gloves were worn by the wrestlers this time. The contest provided lots of fun for the onlookers and was declared a draw.

Tom tried headlock after headlock but couldn't keep his hands together. Roberto tried for toeholds and likewise had very little luck. Next time they meet, we expect each to be carrying a baseball bat. . . .

Out Columbus, Ohio, way Joe Pesek, the old Tiger Man, is still at it. We wonder how long he can go on! . . .

George Temple, brother of Shirley, has collected a small fortune since he started his mat career about six months ago. George is a clever lad and knows his business. His tour of both this country and Canada has been a great success. . . .

Most people laugh at wrestlers and the way they make a living. However the wrestlers have the last laugh when they get their weekly pay check. The boys do all right for themselves working for less than an hour each night and getting the kind of money they receive. When you get right down to it, wrestling draws as many persons per year as boxing.

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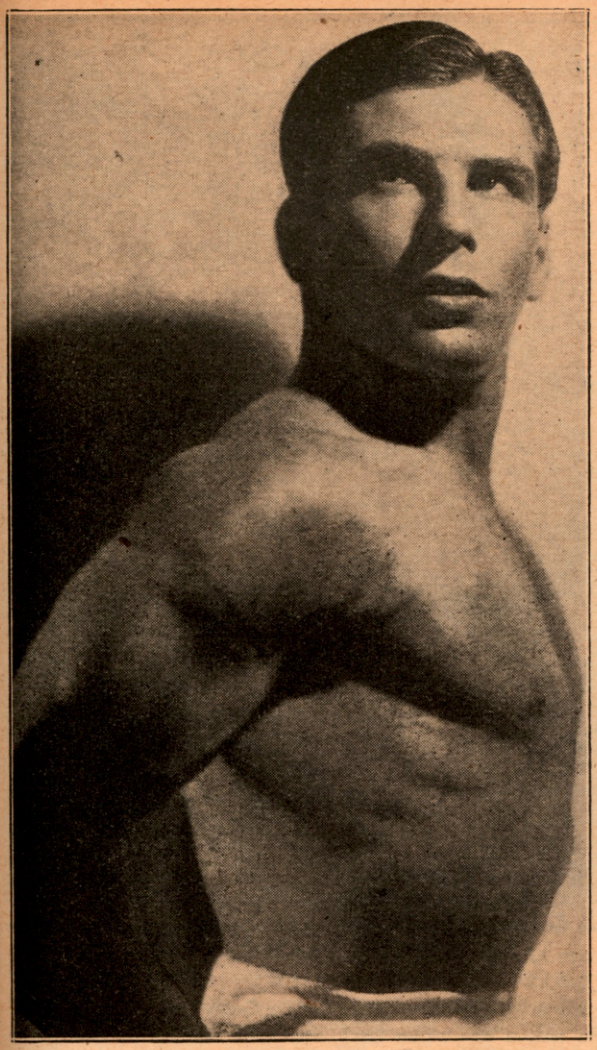
HOLYOKE, MASS., wrestling fans liked Black Panther so well that they requested Promoter Oreal D. Rainault to bring him back for another look. The Panther has a style as smooth as his name implies and although his schedule was full, he agreed to return to the city. . . .

Tony Galento, former heavyweight boxing challenger, is on a nation-wide refereeing tour. His first appearance, as third man in the ring, took place in Portland, Oregon. Principals in the bout were Babe Sharkey and Hardy Kruskamp. Tony, as everyone in the audience expected him to, launched several of his famous left hooks at the boys before calling it a draw. It still is quite an honor to get slugged with the left hook that dropped Joe Louis.

Not to be outdone by boxers, several wrestlers volunteered

Primo Carnera, former heavyweight boxing champion, now turned wrestler.



Jesse James, a clever youngster who packs them in.

their services for a special show staged for veterans at the Minneapolis Vets Hospital. Nice going, boys, sports fans know wrestlers will do all in their power for the servicemen.

Jules Strongbow, tired of wearing trunks into the ring, tried something new in his bout with Fredrick Von Schacht. Jules wore a long black union suit which gave the onlookers quite a laugh. Von Schacht, on the other hand, became so angered at the sight of the garment that he cut loose and was disqualified for roughness.

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PRIMO CARNERA, former heavyweight boxing champion of the world, is back in the United States. He hopes to become the first man ever to gain both the heavyweight wrestling and boxing championships of the world. At present, Primo claims the wrestling championship of his native Italy. Carnera is 41 years old, which considering the ages of several of today's topnotchers, is not too old to achieve big things. After a much publicized rift with the California Athletic Commission, Primo was finally granted permission to appear in that state. The commission charged Primo with being an undesirable alien and at first wanted no part of him.

On August 22 the giant Italian appeared in his first wrestling match in this country. Los Angeles was the site and Tommy O'Toole the victim. It took Primo only 11 minutes and 41 seconds to finish Tommy.

The most amazing part of the whole affair was the record turnout and the paid gate. Promoter Floyd Musgrave counted the largest wrestling gate in the last ten years, $12,000. The paid attendance was 10,400 with several hundred turned away.

Natie Brown, former heavyweight boxing contender who met Joe Louis, is now wrestling around the East.

Wild Bill Longson is going great guns in Montreal. Bobby Managoff and giant Wladyslaw Talun are also competing in Canada.

Nick Graves, top Greek matman, and a throwback to Jim Londos, is making good around Springfield, Mass.

It is good to see the name of Jesse James back in the mat news. One of the cleverest boys I've ever seen, Jesse is showing in his native California. No wrestler appeals to the female sex as does handsome Jesse.

Everett Marshall sticks right to his native Colorado to show his talents. His great onion farm in La Juanta is less than one hundred miles from Denver where the former champion is seen regularly. The powerful Marshall still has that drawing power as Denver promoters have found out.

Frank Hewitt, Canadian newcomer who shows promise.

Danny Dusek is one of the favorites in Denver. Tony Martinelli, popular Italian, is going well on the Coast. Steve Strelich, the old time grappler, is now promoting in Southern California.

Louis Thesz has started a comeback in his native Canada. Louis is a very popular attraction in Montreal and should give the sport that needed boost in that city.

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AFTER playing hockey and basketball at Toronto Technical School, Frank Hewitt turned to professional wrestling after two years as an amateur where he made a good name for himself in Canada. Ed "Strangler" Lewis was responsible for Hewitt turning pro after seeing him work out in New York at George Bathner's gymnasium. The "Strangler" showed Frank how to apply his famous headlock and Hewitt uses this to good advantage. The step-over toehold is another that Hewitt uses effectively.

Hewitt served in the Canadian Army in Canada and England. One of his sergeants was Scottie MacDougal, one of the best Canadian pro wrestlers, and he showed Frank some of the finer points of the game. After leaving the Army and turning professional, Hewitt was helped a lot by Earl McCready, the British Empire Champion, and later on by Doc Len Hall.

Hewitt is young, 23 years old, stands 6 ft. 3 in. in height and weighs 230 pounds and knows he has plenty to learn so he spends all his spare time in the gym with any good wrestler who can be of benefit to him.

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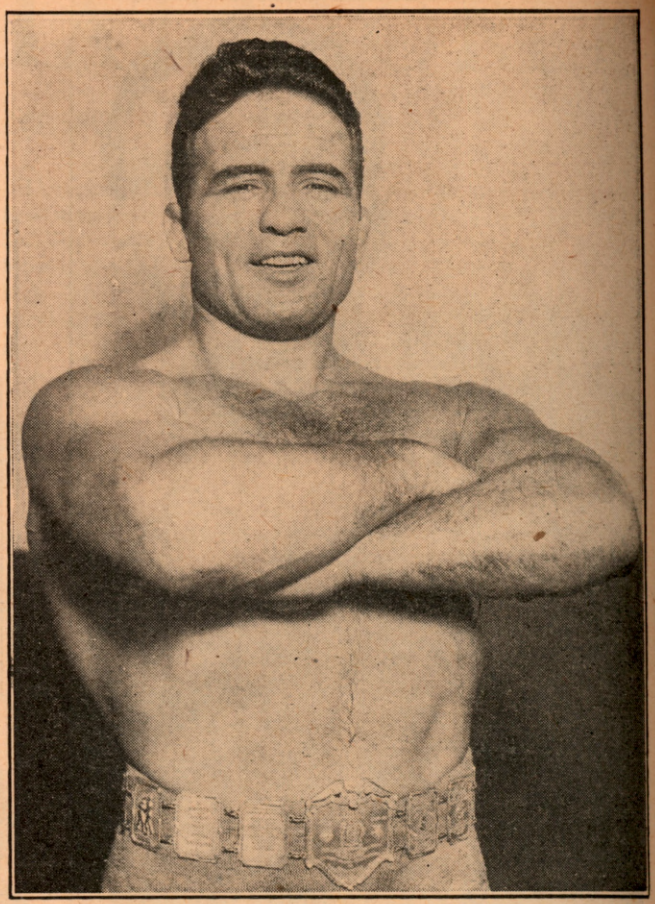
THE man of 1,000 holds, that was the name given to the subject of this month's old timer series, Earl Caddock.

A farmer from Anita, Iowa, Caddock was a master of the art of wrestling. He understood leverage and just how to apply holds to obtain their most punishing effects. He studied and practiced holds much the same way as a musician keeps studying his art.

Earl claimed the heavyweight championship of the world when he defeated Joe Stecher. His claim was short lived, however, as

Earl Caddock as he appeared while serving in the army during World War I.



Jimmie Londos, former heavyweight champion, and one of the most colorful exponents of the sport.

he never possessed the brute strength and ruggedness of the real behemoths of his day to keep his title long. He depended solely upon his intelligence and bag of tricks when meeting the other top notchers.

Earl Caddock's career was interrupted at its height when he enlisted in the army during the first World War. Upon his return from France, he went to his new ranch in Wyoming and announced his retirement from the mat.

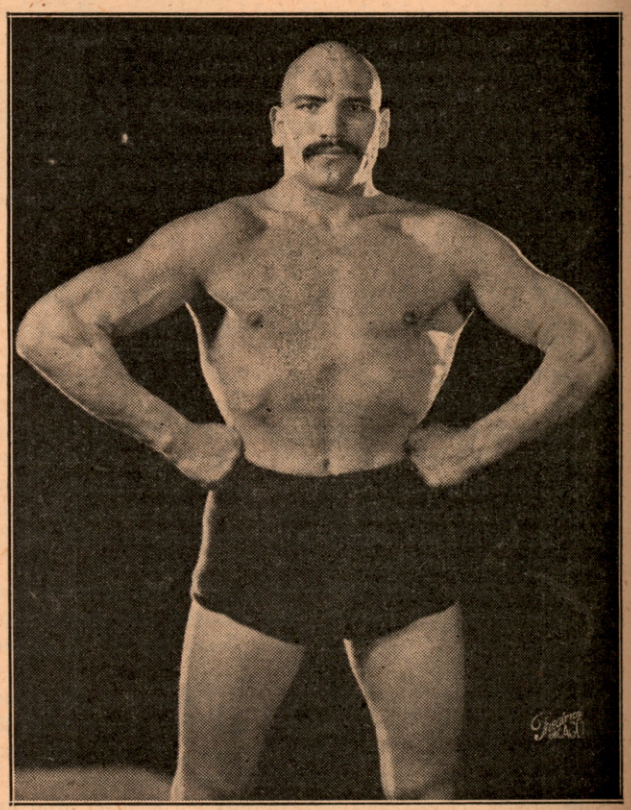
On April 9, 1917, in Omaha, Nebraska, Caddock met Joe Stecher for the title and won. Up to that defeat, Stecher had not lost a single fall since his defeat to Charlie Cutler. That match started a great rivalry between the two mat stars that lasted for years.

Unlike most wrestlers, Caddock was not noted for any one particular hold. He had perfected every hold to a highly scientific point. His head scissors, which was his favorite, is said to have been as deadly as Stecher's body hold.

Ed (Strangler) Lewis, veteran giant of the wrestling game, claims to have brought more money through the turnstiles than any boxer ever did. He estimates that people have paid $15,000,000 to see him perform. However, Lewis' record sinks into insignificance when compared with a wrestling combat where the stake was no less than that of a nation's throne. And that was just ONE bout, not the 6000 in which Lewis has engaged.

It happened in the year 858 A.D., when two sons of the Emperor Buntoko of Japan each claimed the right of succession. It was finally decided to settle matters by pitting the royal scions against each other in a wrestling match, with the empire at stake. The tussle took place before the Emperor and his court. It lasted for nearly an hour, at the close of which Selwa threw his brother, Salu, so heavily that the latter became unconscious, and Selwa ascended the throne in due course of time.

Jim Londos, one of the greatest showmen of all time in the mat sport, has decided to try one of his perennial comebacks. The beautifully-built Greek is perhaps the best attraction wrestling has ever known. Jimmie is expected to tour the country after filling his engagements on the Pacific Coast so patrons throughout the nation can settle back and wait for his arrival. He is certain to aid the country's wrestling revival.



Wladyslaw Talun, Polish giant who is now competing in Canada and the Eastern States.

FROM THE OLDTIMER'S SCRAPBOOK

THE FIRST WHITE AMERICAN CHAMPION, JACOB HYER, HID HIS CHIN BEHIND A BEARD.

RECENTLY when Rocky Graziano and Tony Zale were in training for their middleweight championship bout, the spectators and the scribes had an opportunity to see these middleweights engage in various forms of activity; among them shadow boxing, rope-skipping, calisthenics, heavy and light bag punching, and several rounds of sparring.

How different now from what took place at the training camps in the era before the Walker Law went into effect!

What those in attendance at the various camps saw then, was so different from what they witnessed at the Graziano and Zale camps, that the oldtimers among those present shook their heads in wonderment as they tried to figure out how the present crop of fighters attain their top condition for a contest of fifteen rounds. More so was their amazement when they watched Joe Louis do his stint at Pompton Lakes in preparation for his battle with Billy Conn.

An hour of training seems to suffice the present day battlers where in the past, fighters like Corbett, Sullivan, Fitzsimmons and their contemporaries worked anywhere from four to eight hours per day in tuning up for important contests.

The fighters of old made certain that the gymnasium was outfitted with handball courts as that game played a most important part in building up the stamina and the muscles of the body. Today handball gives way to golf. Joe Louis, for example, in an interview following his fight with Conn declared that the best training he knows of for developing the legs is golf, but if one were to have queried James J. Corbett on the benefits of golf for training, he probably would have shooed the inquisitor out of his camp. For Gentleman Jim, rowing, handball and baseball were the three sports most followed for leg and arm development and wind.

Kid McCoy, Joe Choynski, Jack McAuliffe, Tom Sharkey, and a host of other stars in addition to Corbett, Fitz, Jeff and Sullivan, put in at least one hour on the handball courts. The greatest player among all boxers, past or present, was Corbett. It was no novelty to see the Californian on a handball court for two hours or more during a morning session of training. Likewise he was the best ball player among boxers. Sullivan and Jeffries were likewise excellent ball players and frequently engaged in the diamond sport while tuning up for a big battle.

Swimming was a hobby with Sullivan and Corbett. The latter was proficient in practically every branch of athletics followed by the American youth. There was scarcely a sport in which he did not participate with great efficiency. He played polo, was an excellent swimmer, had few his equal as a handball player, was a great fisherman. He loved riding horses and excelled in club swinging and the use of the dumb bells.

Any wonder that veteran scribes insist that the oldtimers were better conditioned athletes than the modern fighters with very few exceptions!

It wasn't fun and play then, as it is today. It was strenuous work.

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THE greatest admirer that Frank Daniels, famous comedian of the eighties, had while he was playing Old Sport in "Rag Baby" was John L. Sullivan.

Daniels was the man who made famous the remark, "Let me shake the hand that shook Sullivan's."

The big pugilist never neglected an opportunity to see Daniels' performance when he was within reach.

One night after 11 o'clock in Chicago John was setting them up all around at a popular bar, and, as usual, a large crowd of hangers-on was present basking in the sunshine of the mighty man's presence.

It was one of Sullivan's special nights when he was tracing a cardinal dado around the town, and when champagne flowed like water, and everybody was expected to come up and drink.

Suddenly in walked a little man in a heavy overcoat, with the collar turned up above his ears, for it was cold outside.

He went to one end of the bar and asked for a cocktail. Sullivan heard him.

"Say, you," he roared, addressing the little man, "come up here and take a drink with me."

"Don't care to!" said the little man in a faint voice.

"Say," exclaimed the pugilist, "do you know who I am? I'm John L. Sullivan. Push in here, now, and take a drink with me!"

"I don't care if you're Grover Cleveland," said the little man, snappishly, "I don't want your drink."

Everybody drew back, knowing what would follow, and the space in front of the bar was quickly cleared for Sullivan and the stranger.

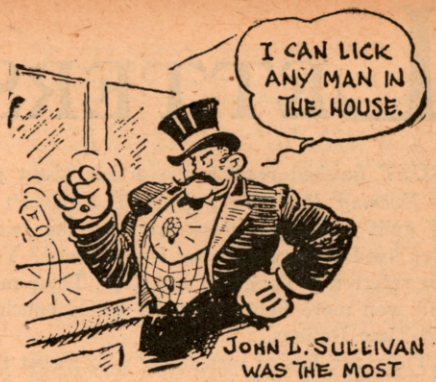
The pugilist walked over to the side of the little man in the overcoat, seemingly taken back by the man's audacity.

"Did you hear me say that I was John L. Sullivan?" he roared.

"If you're John L. Sullivan," said the little man very calmly, "all I've got to say is that you're a great big duffer."

Sullivan squared off, and the spectators expected to see the plucky little fellow fall down in a corner of the barroom, a limp, bleeding mass.

To the surprise of all, he evaded the rush of the pugilist, grabbed him, whirled him about, and seizing him by the seat of the trousers with one hand and the coat collar with the other, rushed him across the room and out through the street door, where he forcibly ejected the champion into the gutter at the end of his toe.



JOHN L. SULLIVAN WAS THE MOST PICTURESQUE OF ALL THE CHAMPIONS.

Then the little man calmly walked back into the barroom and invited the crowd to have a drink with him.

In addressing the bystanders he dropped his collar and all recognized the face of Frank Daniels, the comedian.

He and John had rehearsed the scene carefully beforehand.

Sullivan waited outside until the joke had had time to work, and then returned to his position at the bar, where everybody had a treat at John's expense.

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EVERY now and then a freak comes to the ring—just as Zip, the living skeleton, the white elephant and the tattooed man come to the circus. Sometimes the ring freak is extraordinary because of his hitting and awkward ways. Sometimes he is a freak because he has a Fitzsimmons build—his torso and little legs.

Firpo was a freak. Fitzsimmons was. Tom Sharkey, his cask chest festooned with a full-rigged ship; Jeffries with his piano legs and shaggy torso, were freaks.

Willard was. He was 6 feet 7 inches tall and he laughed when he hit you and when he got hit. Strange fellow, Jess.

But this freakish twist doesn't always apply to the man's stature. Sometimes it is his nationality. A fellow like Siki, for instance. I called him the Singular Senegalese. And wasn't he singular? The only one of his race ever to take up boxing, he won the world's light-heavyweight title from Georges Carpentier, only to toss it right back to Mike McTigue. In and out of the ring he was singular, and no mistake.

One day I saw him in broad daylight walk out to the traffic cop at the corner of Forty-second Street and Eighth Avenue and do the singular. Siki was dressed in full evening dress, with a flowing French cape, lined with purple satin, topper and bright canary-colored buckskin gloves.

As Siki approached the policeman, he bowed gracefully. And lifting his silk topper, thereby showing a gold bracelet on his wrist, begged pahdon for his glove and offered his hand to the officer.

The gendarme, having a sense of humor, lifted his cap and bowed low, just as Siki was bowing, and took the Singular One's hand. They spoke of the weather and then each replaced his head covering and went about his business. From the sidelines I

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LETTERS *from Our* READERS

JUST finished reading the article about you in the *Saturday Evening Post.* Very good. But haven't you a little feeling of guilt when you think back to the two greatest men who ever lived as far as boxing is concerned? You neither mentioned nor referred to Langford and Greb. These men fought more times and won more fights than the whole bunch you named in your All-Time Ratings.

There are lots of men today who forget that Greb ever fought Tunney. He gave that same gentleman the first trimming he ever received. Before he was hurt he could have slapped any one in the world silly. In over 270 fights he only lost seven and was only kayoed once. Chip did that—and what Greb did to Mr. Chip after that! Between 1919 and 1922 he was the greatest middleweight who ever lived, although he was light-heavyweight champion (1921) and fought heavies and any one they gave him.

When you class Ketchel ahead of Greb you are way off. Ketchel could not carry his blankets. Greb would have slapped Ketchel silly.

On the other man, Mr. Langford. He fought and lost to your great Mr. Johnson but the same Mr. Johnson never wanted any more of him. Year after year Mr. Langford met and defeated everyone he could get in this country. He beat more good men than Johnson, Fitzsimmons, Corbett, Jeffries, Dempsey, Tunney and all the rest ever fought. I asked Greb once why he did not fight Langford and, laughing, he made this reply: "Do you want me to commit suicide?"

I read your RING Magazine each and every issue and I wish you would find room to give the readers some inkling of what a man this Mr. Greb really was.

When you rate Ketchel, with a few fights, ahead of Mr. Greb, the man who had nearly 300, you are way off. Mr. Mann in the *Sports Magazine* had a fine story on Greb a few years ago.

FRED R. WHEDON,
Rochester, N. Y.

(I suggest you get a copy of my latest book, "The Michigan Assassin," the story of Stanley Ketchel, and "Give Him to the Angels," the story of Harry Greb, by James Fair. Both are obtainable at THE RING Book Shop.—Editor's Note)

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IN the old Britannia Theatre, Hoxton, London, during the year 1903, I was a spectator at a very extraordinary boxing bout. Pedlar Palmer, who was at the time well on the down grade, fought a Frenchman whose name I forget. The Frenchman was allowed to use his feet as well as his fists, and Pedlar his fists only.

Pedlar lost on a foul. He got mad when the Frenchman kicked him on the jaw, and he kicked the Frenchman.

T. E. IRONS,
Warrington, Florida.

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YOUR recent article about Stillman's gymnasium reminded me of an account in Henry Fielding's novel, *Tom Jones,* concerning the training quarters in the mid-18th century. Here is an advertisement which appeared in a London newspaper on February 1, 1847:

"Mr. Broughton proposes, with proper assistance, to open an academy at his house in the Haymarket, for the instruction of those who are willing to be initiated into the mystery of boxing: where the whole theory and practice of that truly British art, with all the various stops, blows, cross-buttocks, etc., incident to combitants, will be fully taught and explained. That persons of quality and distinction may not be deterred from entering into *A Course of these Lectures,* they will be given with the utmost tenderness and with regard to the delicacy to the frame and the constitution of the pupil, for which reason muffles are provided that will effectually secure them from the inconveniency of black eyes, broken jaws, and bloody noses."

WILLIAM H. F. LAMONT,
New Brunswick, N. J.

I BOXED Tony Elizondo in San Antonio on Tuesday, February 5, and lost a close decision to him. I should have won easily as I had him swinging like a garden gate at times but there were no counters thrown in return. I could see the openings and had good intentions of flattening him, but just couldn't turn the punch loose. After having him in a bad way in the first round, I let him get away and never got going again.

I trained hard for the fight knowing that Tony was a good puncher and that I would have to spot him ten pounds (I spotted him 8—150 to 158), and I can't figure out why I didn't do any better than I did in the fight as he was more or less of a novice. Although he had stopped Paul Altman a few months earlier to win the state middleweight title, Altman stopped him later, to win it back.

Along with the bad showing that I made in the fight and with a few other things on my mind, have decided to hang up the gloves for good and go to work in Tyler, Texas, with the W. V. Hardin Drilling Co.

A fighter can always find lots of excuses for losing a fight if he looks for them and I had plenty of excuses for losing that one. Among the first, that I just got out of the army. I have decided to quit boxing and not look for any excuses and it will be easier to do that way. I do hate to get out of boxing as there is plenty of money to be made, especially now, but since I have made up my mind there won't be any comebacks or going before the public to pose as a fighter to get a few dollars out of "just one more fight."

Personally, I think the public and all boxers concerned would be better off if the boys would stop these synthetic "comebacks." I have met some of the finest people in the land while I was a boxer and I have travelled from one side to the other of these United States and can go anywhere in the nation and meet someone that I know, someone with influence. So adding all this up, I will consider myself a success, after a fashion, and call it quits.

I hope to get back to New York one of these fine days and see all my friends there, so until then, this is "hasta la vista" to you and all the rest there in your office.

ARTIE DORRELL,
Tyler, Texas.

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IT was with a great deal of interest that I read the story of the Corbett-Jackson fight, by Daniel M. Daniel in a recent issue. It was great and Daniel was 100% right in saying that the Sullivan admirers almost considered it a victory for the great "John L." for we Sullivanites figured that if Jackson couldn't defeat that "dancing master," Corbett, in 61 rounds, what chance would Jackson have with the mighty John L.? Never dreaming that in a little over a year Corbett would lay our idol, John L., low!

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I notice that Daniel, in his review of the fight situation in the early nineties, says: "Corbett was clamoring for a chance at the championship." I don't believe, however, that he ever formally challenged Sullivan, but expressed a willingness to meet him if a fight was offered; and it was Sullivan who challenged any man in the world, naming Charlie Mitchell, Frank P. Slavin and James J. Corbett in the order named, that he would like to meet. Corbett accepted the challenge immediately and either he or Brady put up $10,000 as a side bet, which Sullivan insisted on in his challenge.

RALPH GRIFFIN,
Ogden, Utah.

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IOWA, NEBRASKA AND SOUTH DAKOTA SPARKS

By BILL HAWKINS

AT Omaha, Nebr.—Tex Boddie, 192, K.O.'ed Charlie Roth, 187½, Akron, O., in 22 seconds of the second round of a billed 10-rounder, before a crowd of 2,642 fans which drew a gate of $4,756. It was the tenth professional start for the Omaha battler, and No. 159 for Roth. With Roth the aggressor in the opening two minutes of fighting, many fans thought he was a sure shot winner, until he was belted with a straight right. The right hand shot put Roth on the deck cold. At the count of two, the bell rang. Dragged to his corner he staggered out for the second heat. Boddie landed three solid right hands which ended the battle. In the other bouts:

Preliminaries—James Cox, 130, Dallas, decisioned Clayton Johnson, 124, Sioux City, Ia. (4). Maxwell Butcher, 167, Omaha, technically knocked out Mickey Powers, 157, Omaha, in third. Vince Foster, 147, Omaha, decisioned Willie Duncan, 147, Brooklyn (4).

Special Event—Larry Watson, 174, Omaha, knocked out Chuck Caldwell, 166, Los Angeles, in second.

Semiwindup—Joe Hartfield, 163, Omaha, decisioned Foster Campbell, 154, Denver (6).

Elma, Ia.—Arthur Rimrodt has been elected president of the Sportsmen's club of Elma. Other officers include Walter Fair, vice-president, Anthony Biwer, secretary, and Arlyn Weers, treasurer.

Ralph Parcaut, former well-known wrestler and who at one time was considered the middleweight wrestling champion, has compiled an interesting book on "How to build big muscles."

Omaha, Nebr.—Jesse Jackson, 147-pounder of Sioux City, scored a technical knockout over Roy Cox, 141½, of New Orleans in 50 seconds of the fourth round in one of the preliminary bouts here.

In the main event Jackie Burke, 164½, Grand Rapids, Minn., won a 10-round decision over Deacon Logan, 164, St. Louis.

In the other main event Pan Ho De La Cruz, 218, Mexico City, scored a sixth round technical knockout over Sterling Ingram, 191, of Denver.

Other results: Vincent Foster, 147 (Omaha), scored a technical knockout over Gene Fredrickson, 142½ (St. Paul), in 1:35 of first.

Paul Martinez, 124½ (Omaha), decisioned Jesse Salazar, 128 (Omaha), four rounds.

Bob Mohler, 150½ (St. Louis), decisioned Nick Nelnick, 157 (Winnipeg), four rounds.

Lincoln, Nebr.—Clayton Johnson, of Sioux City, former national Golden Gloves champion, knocked out Joe Martinez of Omaha in 1:15 of the third round. It was the Sioux City Negro's first start as a professional.

Clayton weighed in at 127 pounds, Martinez at 121.

Jesse James Jackson, 146, also of Sioux City, earned a draw with Howard Bleyhl, 147, Madison, Minn., on the same card.

Willie Duncan of Sioux City, knocked out Duke Andrews, Topeka, subbing for Vince Foster of Omaha, who was ill, in the third round.

The fighters are under the management of Bob Morley, another former Sioux City Golden Glover. Jackson had previously scored 11 knockouts in 11 fights under Morley's direction.

Omaha, Nebr.—Max Clayton, Omaha boxing and wrestling promoter, has announced that he will resume weekly mat cards at the City Auditorium. Several top-notch wrestlers will head-line the weekly cards.

Remember news for this spot must be in my hands by the sixth of each month, and mail same to 2206 N. Lafayette, Sioux City, Iowa.

RING NEWS FROM HAWAII

By TED YAMACHIKA

A NEW territorial lightweight champion was crowned at the Civic Auditorium when Richard Asato gained a one-sided decision over Richard Silva in seven rounds of torrid fighting. Though announced as a non-title fight, the title nonetheless changed hands inasmuch as Richard Asato weighed in under the lightweight limit. In losing Richard became the first ex-serviceman to lose a title in the Islands.

The fight was a slugging affair from start to finish with the challenger doing most of the punching. Champion Richard Silva, who had only two tune-up fights prior to this, seemed bewildered at the terrific pace set by his adversary and throughout the fight was unable to land more than three or four solid blows. Expecting Asato to slow down in the later rounds Silva kept boring in but this strategy actually lost the fight for him. By employing this tactic Silva took so much punishment during the earlier rounds that when the opening he was waiting for finally came he was too spent physically to do much damage. Asato's forte was a left hook to the jaw which found its mark consistently. Silva took them all, including Asato's haymaker right, without going down.

Richard Asato weighed in at 133⅞ against Richard Silva's announced weight of 130¾.

This Moe Lipton promoted fight drew 4,847 customers and grossed $7,366.

Other results: Bill Caesar, 133, repeated a win over Slim Suzuki, 128⅝, in 5.

Robert Takeshita, 139½, 1945 national AAU welterweight titleholder, chalked up his fifth kayo in as many fights by chilling Mariano Canales, 141¾, in the 2nd round.

Val Alvarado, 121, eked out a win over veteran Kid Waianae, 128⅞, in 4.

Leo Tolentino, 125¾, decisioned Little Hufana, 132, 4 rounds.

Kid Tarlac, 133½, TKO'ed Johnny Ropedo, 133⅞, in 2nd.

David Kui Kong Young pulled one of the biggest local upsets of the year by winning decisively over California bantamweight champion Luis Castillo in 12 heats. The fight held outdoors at the Honolulu Stadium on August 9th was promoted by Al Schaff and drew 11,203 customers grossing $27,538.25.

The fact that David Young had been knocked out by world champion Manuel Ortiz only a month ago and was thought to be nothing but a shell of his former self even by his staunchest backers added to the surprise of his victory. Castillo, who had given the champion a tough battle in their last encounter, was favored in most quarters at the odds of 10 to 7 with no takers. But David fooled them all and by virtue of his win put himself again in the position of leading contender among the bantamweights.

The fight itself was a dull affair although there was no clinching throughout. David Young decided to fight long range, at which he is at his best, and Castillo made no effort to try and change the setup. There were two knockdowns, both of no count, scored by Young, the first coming in the third and the other in the fourth.

Castillo showed nothing in the way of offense or boxing ability and appeared extremely slow. Throughout the fight he landed but two blows which had the semblance of being solid. He could have given the Mandarin Clouter a much better fight by boring in and fighting at short range but for some reason he kept away.

David Young at 118 appeared as strong as a bull and surprisingly enough seemed to get stronger in the later rounds; something not seen in any of Young's previous fights. He worked his left with authority and had no trouble taking eleven of the twelve rounds. Castillo weighed in at 117¾.

Other results: Willard Hauseman, 144¾, outconditioned Gene Ronstadt, 145⅞, in 5 rounds. Hauseman won on aggressiveness.

Tsuneshi Maruo, 117⅞, won a one-sided decision over Tiger Rosa, 114¾. 4 rounds.

Shangy Tsukano, 149⅞, stopped Tony Fuentes, 139¾, in 2nd.

Kid Waianae, 128¼, drew with Kid Tarlac, 131. 4 rounds.

Eddie Ocasio, 147¾, chilled Frankie Kane, 159⅛, in the 2nd of the 4 round opener.

Honolulu's fight fans got an idea of what it takes to be a champion, least of all even a fair contender, by watching Nick Moran knock out Billy James in 57 seconds of the eighth round of their scheduled ten round joust. Nick Moran, rated as only a fair welterweight on the mainland, simply had too much class and stamina for Billy James, who until this fight had never been knocked out and was rated the best lightweight prospect to be developed in the Islands.

Originally advertised as a Nick Moran-Frankie Fernandez welterweight go, Billy James had to substitute for Fernandez three or four days before the fight when the latter sustained a back injury.

At 136½ Moran was way below his best fighting weight, but he was strong enough to carry the fight to his opponent and set a pace which Billy could not match. From the first round until the end in the eighth, Moran kept up a two-fisted attack without taking a backward step. This amazing display of aggressiveness surprised the spectators as well as James.

Billy James did his share of punching especially in the earlier rounds, when he got in close and landed some good hooks, but his best punches failed even to slow up the Mexican battler.

Billy's weight was announced at 135¾ for this fight.

Promoted by Moe Lipton, the fight drew 6,155 customers for a gross take of $15,911.

Other results:

Carl Olsen, 162⅝, repeated a kayo win over Johnny Boskie, 161½, in the third of a five heater.

In another five rounder, Val Alvarado, 119, copped a close decision over Eddie Reyes, 119¾.

Robert Takeshita, 136, TKO'ed Eddie Spencer, 134¾, in the last round of their four round fight.

Antonio Generalao, 129, decisioned Herbert Perreira, 138, 4 rounds.

In the four round opener, John Torres, 134, won over Johnny Ropedo, 132.

Latest to join the growing colony of grapplers here is Ernest Poggi. "The Gorilla," as he is familiarly known to his fellowmen, has of late been doing quite a bit of grunting and groaning in the lone star state, where he held the junior light-heavyweight title. This is his first trip to the Islands.

Poggi, who started wrestling about eighteen years ago and hails from Buenos Aires, Argentina, has been campaigning in the United States for the last thirteen years. At one time he held the light-heavyweight title of the Middle West. He claims to have wrestled in every state in the Union and most of the European cities and is on speaking terms with most of the outstanding grapplers of the world.

In his local debut, he found Ben Pilar's style very much to his liking and outroughed the Filipino flash for a two out of three falls win. In his second match against local boy Jimmy Gonsalves, Poggi was headed for another win before he became too rough and was disqualified.

Zivko Sumonovich, former policeman who gave up policing to wrestle, has been undefeated in more than half a dozen matches since he turned professional about three or four months ago. Still a bit rough around the edges, Zivko, nevertheless, is one of the most promising wrestlers developed here.

Also making a great comeback is Abel Rodrigues, Portuguese grappler. While on the subject of Portuguese wrestlers, Joe Manuel, pre-war favorite with Honolulu fans, is reported to be due here next month.

Boxing—The August 26th indoor show promoted by Moe Lipton, at the Civic Auditorium, grossed $5008.00 with 3352 customers attending.

In the main event, Marciel Baptiste, 124⅝, knocked out Johnny Perry, 121¾, in 2 minutes 10 seconds of the fourth round of a scheduled eight-round fight. Baptiste simply punched too hard for his lighter adversary who went down seven times before being counted out.

The semi-final saw Robert Takeshita, 136⅝, get off the floor in the first round and dump Mariano Dias, 134¾, in the second for his seventh straight kayo win. The fight was scheduled for four rounds.

Other results: Masa Hanagami put away Kid Waialua in the third of a four heater. They are bantamweights.

Lefty Quiocho, 127¾, discharged veteran, decisioned Kid Waianae, 125⅞, in four heats.

Hideo Tengan, 129¾, making his pro debut, T.K.O.'ed Johnny Ropedo, 131¾, in second. Four rounds.

Johnny Torres, 131⅜, won the four-round opener against veteran Jimmy Joseph, 129¼.

Al Schaff promoted an outdoor show at the Honolulu Stadium on August 30 and drew an unexpectedly large gate of 6558 fans who paid $14,356.50.

The main event proved a dud, as William Calhoun, 140¼, highly touted mainland importation making his debut, failed to show anything in the way of a punch and coasted through eight dull rounds against poorly conditioned Flashy Sebastian, 144½. Calhoun won easily but he certainly won't draw any more customers the next time he fights.

The best fight of the evening turned out to be the six-round semi-final. Gene Ronstadt, 146⅞, outpunched and outboxed Shangy Tsukano, 146⅞, who had previously knocked out four of his opponents. But against the experienced and clever Ronstadt, he was befuddled and failed to land a single damaging blow. One knockdown of eight counts was scored against Tsukano in the fifth.

Other results: Butch O'Hara, 143, drew with Andy Kim, 147½. Five rounds.

Tsuneshi Maruo, 117½, repeated a win over Tiger Rosa, 116½, in four rounds.

Tommy Umeda, 128¼, T.K.O.'ed Kid Tarlac, 128½, in first of four.

Eddie Ocasio, 146⅜, knocked out Joe Black, 150¾, in second. Four rounds.

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NEWS OF TEXAS RINGS
By BILL DAVEE

AT HOUSTON—Melvin Shields, 171, kayoed Duke Smith, 178, two rounds. William McCoy, 174, kayoed Pete Abrego, 166, one round. Pedro Hernandez, 127, decisioned Eddie Lee, 128, eight rounds. Roy Guerro, 138, decisioned Arlie Ewart, 141, four rounds. Gordon House, 135, kayoed Romon Martinez, 132½, five rounds. Aurelio Cruz, 131½, kayoed Leroy Pappas, 127½, six rounds.

At Laredo—Octaviano Garza, 128, decisioned Raymundo Ramirez, 125, six rounds. Matias Ruiz, 128, decisioned Enrique Gonzalez, 134, six rounds. Francisco Ramirez, 150, won over Julio Cerna, 155, two rounds. Foul!

At Houston—Frank Cockrell, 132, decisioned Julius Grimes, 130, four rounds. George Perez, 125, kayoed Jesse Cherry, 128, two rounds. Ted Agapion, 135½, T.K.O.'ed Joe Robinson, 135, three rounds. Harry Brinkman, 150, decisioned Louis Skrobarczyk, 144, four rounds. Ramon Ruiz, 129, T.K.O.'ed Willard Coffey, 132, five rounds. Aurelio Cruz, 131½, T.K.O.'ed Ted Christy, 136, four rounds.

At Austin—Ace Lytell, 155, decisioned Joe Robinson, 159, four rounds. Romon Martinez, 137, kayoed Bernard Botelho, 140, one round. W. E. Frazier, Jr., 140, decisioned Otho Slager, 140, six rounds. Pedro Orsono, 134, decisioned Augie Rodriguez, 126, six rounds. Tom Attra, 170, kayoed Clay Rowan, 164, nine rounds.

At Terrell—Lloyd Green, 165, decisioned John Austin Toney, 164, six rounds. R. T. Brantley, 155, decisioned Jim Hart, 154, six rounds. Leon Ross, 188, decisioned Jackson Burns, 187, six rounds.

At Dallas—James Edwards, 133, kayoed Robert Jackson, 129, four rounds. Lee Minor, 147, T.K.O.'ed Ronnie Mosher, 140, three rounds. Hubert Gray, 142, decisioned Pete Sanchez, 139, six rounds. Lee Gunter, 142, decisioned Eundoro Patina, 144, six rounds. Eddie Ownby, 184, decisioned Charlie Roth, 187, ten rounds.

At Austin—Larry Trader, 151, T.K.O.'ed Bill Parnell, 144, two rounds. Tommy Dean Blakenship, 127, kayoed Jimmy Nicholson, 125, three rounds. Abner Bedingfield, 148, decisioned Ollie Brewster, 144, six rounds. Tommy Lenoir, 169, and Billy McCoy, 174, drew, eight rounds. Gene Kelly, 118, decisioned Jose Andres, 117¾, ten rounds (championship).

At Houston—Harry Lassain, 129½, decisioned Frank Cockrell, 131, four rounds. Otho Slager, 135, and Eleftherios Agapion, 136½, drew, four rounds. Ocie Dearing, 162, kayoed Melvin Shields, 168, one round. Gordon House, 131, T.K.O.'ed Pedro Hernandez, 129½, seven rounds. Johnny Dabbs, 140½, decisioned Harry Lane, 140½, ten rounds.

At Austin—Jesse Perez, 132, kayoed Richard Rodriguez, 131, two rounds. Bill Wilson, 139, kayoed Dave Powell, 141, two rounds. Larry Trader, 153½, decisioned Jack Mankin, 146, four rounds. Bert Linam, 149, decisioned Billy Deeg, 150, six rounds. Tom Attra, 169, decisioned Pancho Medrano, 176, ten rounds.

At Corpus Christi—Larry Trader, 149, decisioned Joe McCall, 145, four rounds. Bobby Dykes, 131, kayoed Mike Obledo, 128, two rounds. Bert Linam, 151, kayoed Tony Rodriguez, 152, two rounds. Benjamin Prado, 138, kayoed Harry Silverberg, 137, two rounds. Juan Zapata, 131, decisioned Eddie Lee, 132, ten rounds.

At Laredo—Raymundo Ramirez, 132, kayoed Celso Rodriguez Mercado, 133, two rounds. Matias Ruiz, 120, kayoed Ricardo Orozco, 130, five rounds. K. O. Borrado, 145, kayoed Jose Padron, 148, three rounds.

At Corpus Christi—Larry Trader, 149, decisioned Joe McCall, 145, four rounds. Bobby Dykes, 131, kayoed Mike Obledo, 128, two rounds. Bert Linam, 151, kayoed Tony Rodriguez, 152, two rounds. Benjamin Prado, 138, kayoed Harry Silverberg, 137, two rounds. Juan Zapata, 131, decisioned Eddie Lee, 132, ten rounds.

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At Corpus Christi—Bob Kocurek, 153, kayoed Eddie Brown, 152, two rounds. Lauro Salas, 122, decisioned Richard Garcia, 124, four rounds. Bill Wilson, 139, decisioned Jose Puente, 140, four rounds. Joe Amaya, 118, kayoed Juan Lopez, 117, two rounds. Billy Deeg, 153, kayoed Pelon Garcia, 148, five rounds.

At Austin—Jesse Perez, 133, kayoed Pancho Moreno, 126½, two rounds. Dick Evans, 147, T.K.O.'ed Charles L. Chase, 141, two rounds. Johnnie West, 146, and Jack Mankin, 146½, drew, four rounds. Frankie Wallace, 146, decisioned W. E. Frazier, 137, six rounds. Baby Yucatan, 144½, T.K.O.'ed Lou Flyer, 145, two rounds.

At Amarillo—Harry Seaback, 157, kayoed Billy Ashton, 160, one round. Ronny Moser, 143, kayoed Jimmy Picramenos, 147, two rounds. Pascual Castillo, 146, decisioned Bennie Stokes, 145, four rounds. Melvin Walker, 185, decisioned Willie Ritchie, 212, six rounds. Hubert Gray, 144, decisioned Robert Woods, 140, ten rounds.

At Houston—Douglas Rhone, 166, and Celeste Robinson, 160, drew, four rounds. Edmundo Rodriguez, 139, kayoed Horace Morgan, 139, two rounds. Louis Skorbarcyzk, 142, kayoed Donald Keck, 147, two rounds. Primo Arellano, 129, and Enrique Garcia, 129½, drew, 4 rounds. Herschel Wallace, 138½, T.K.O.'ed Ted Agapion, 137½, two rounds. Ocie Dearing, 161½, kayoed Charles Benson, 159, one round. Jimmy Webb, 172½, decisioned Tommy Charles, 166½, eight rounds.

At El Paso—Ray Jasso, 154, decisioned Joe Crnkovich, 153, four rounds. Manuel Castro, 130, decisioned Vidal Gaytan, 123, four rounds. Lloyd W. Williams, 128, decisioned Jose Flores, 124, four rounds. Hector Marquez, 116, decisioned Pablo Zamora, 109, six rounds. Jose Gonzales, 127½, decisioned Manny Ortega, 126½, ten rounds.

At Freeport—Michael Lytell, 150, kayoed John Penn, 154, two rounds. Primo Arellano, 130, decisioned Joe Robinson, 130½, four rounds. Herschel Wallace, 139, decisioned Edmundo Rodriguez, 138, six rounds. Jimmy McLaughlin, 153, decisioned Eundoro Patino, 149, six rounds. Ocie Dearing, 168, kayoed Billy McCoy, 173, two rounds.

At Houston—Enrique Garcia, 139, decisioned Tommy Blakeway, 145, four rounds. Primo Arellano, 128, decisioned Joe Robinson, 132, four rounds. Ocie Dearing, 163, kayoed George Becka, 160, four rounds. Samuel Andrade, 125, T.K.O.'ed Harold Jackson, 124, three rounds. Gene Kelly, 120½, decisioned Rodolfo Villa, 117, ten rounds.

At Corpus Christi—Oswaldo Brewster, 139, decisioned Johnny Mills, 145, four rounds. Louis Skrobarzyk, 143, decisioned Larry Trader, 152, four rounds. Tommy Irwin, 184, kayoed Barry Maley, 160, two rounds. Bert Linam, 150, kayoed Eundoro Patina, 148, two rounds. Johnny Dabbs, 140, kayoed Yuca Rodriguez, 137, three rounds.

At Beaumont—Nathaniel Monroe, 155, kayoed Nathaniel Freeman, 154, three rounds. Al Bernard, 138, kayoed Alex Louis, 136, five rounds. Albert Spaulding, 196, kayoed H. J. Ledbetter, 189, one round.

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IN THE NEW JERSEY CORNER
By HARRY MANSBACH

COMING back to take the last three rounds, Billy Grant of Orange outpointed Johnny Colon, N.Y.C., in a ten-rounder at Meadowbrook Bowl, Newark. Referee Paul Cavalier awarded Grant the second, third, eighth, ninth and tenth rounds and called the first even. Both boys weighed 175½. In his first pro fight, former amateur champion, Joe Chesul, 177, Maplewood, defeated Jim Treadwell, 187, Newark, in a six-rounder. In other sixes, Sandy MacPherson, 219, Oklahoma, outpointed Johnny Davis, 187, N.Y.C., and Pat Franco, 138, Montclair, won a decision over Leroy Haynes, 145, N.Y.C. Tom King, 128, Newark, lost to Joe Gamby, 126, Brooklyn, in a four.

Danny Martin, 158, Newark, took all ten rounds on Referee Coplan's card and won the nod over Jerry Fiorello, 160, Brooklyn, in the feature bout at Twin City Bowl, Elizabeth. Lou Castrilli, 129, Bronx, outpointed George Johnson, 134, of N.Y.C. in a six-rounder and Jim Thurman, 148, N.Y.C., knocked out Nat Hutchins, 154, Elizabeth, in another six. In scheduled fours: Don Hassock, 156, Paterson, knocked out John Francis, 149, Nutley, in the first round. Joey Galla, 140, Newark, drew with Angelo Di Nunzio, 140, of Elizabeth.

Sal Richie, 149, Brooklyn, had an easy time in outboxing Charlie Howard, 148, Pittsburgh, in the eight-round bout headlining the fight card at Roosevelt Stadium, Union City. Richie was awarded every round but the seventh. Harry Hall, 173, New Orleans, decisioned Willie Hayes, 178, North Bergen, in the semi-final. Tommy Sloan, 140, Washington, kayoed Buddy Fitzgerald, 138, Jersey City, in the fourth frame of another six.

Archie Devino, 122, Newark, decisioned Leo La Brun, 122, Montreal, in the eight-round feature bout at Long Branch Stadium. Devino was awarded five rounds, La Brun, two and one round was even. Little Black Bill, 122, N.Y.C., outpointed Jimmy Nichols, 126, Montclair, in the six-round semi-final. In another six Al Morone, 136, Boonton, defeated Leroy Haynes, 140, N.Y.C. Al Percora took a four-round decision over Freddie Richardson, 158, Paterson, and Al Raino, 150, Nutley, hung up a T.K.O. over Everett Chapman, 154, N.Y.C., in the first round.

Bernard Docusen, 140, New Orleans, won his 34th fight in 35 starts as he outpointed Buster Tyler, 140, of Newark, in the eight-round feature bout at the Twin City Bowl. Docusen floored Tyler twice in the first round, first for a count of nine and again for an eight count.

All the other bouts ended in technical knockouts. Jack Fowlks, 170, Elizabeth, stopped Harry Daniels, 165, N.Y.C., in the third round. Jimmy Thurman, 142, Bronx, halted Billy George, 138, Newark, in the second round and Jimmy Issler, 148, Newark, won over Danny Rugiere, 155, Bronx, in the third.

Tony Riccio, sturdy Bayonne fighter, sprang an upset by taking Referee Paul Cavalier's 6-4 decision from Sonny Horne of Niles, Ohio, at Meadowbrook Bowl, Newark. Horne weighed 161, Riccio 150. Dave Jenkins, 146, Roselle, scored a one-round knockout over Jimmie Morrison, 143, Newark, in a scheduled six.

Billy Kilroy, 150, East Rutherford, knocked out Frank Feratti, Brooklyn, in 2:15 of the first of a scheduled six-round feature at Long Branch. Two of the preliminaries slated for four rounds ended in kayoes. Sollie Cantor, 128, Paterson, dropped LeRoy Swain, 132, N.Y.C., in 32 seconds of the first. Al Brinkley, 150, Newark, won a decision over Walt Kodman, 150, Bloomfield, in a four.

Jimmy Esposito, 135, Elizabeth, outpointed Jimmy Potts, 130, Newark, in the feature six-rounder at Somerville, N. J. Lou Tomsa, 162, Manville, decisioned Jim Wilson, 164, Newark, in the six-round semi-windup. Georgie Wilson, 152, Cranford, knocked out Mickey Logan, 160, Manville, in the first. Joe Spuny, 168, Rahway, drew with Nelson Casner, 164, of Glen Gardener. Tony Younzzi, 162, Newark, T.K.O.'ed Eddie Moultrie, 154, Newark, in the fourth.

Joe Curcio, Newark welterweight, scored a knockout over Mike Bulick of New York City, in the ten-round bout at Roosevelt Stadium. Bulick was so badly battered he was unable to answer the bell for the ninth round. Referee Joe Mangold had Curcio credited with seven rounds and Bulick for one going into the ninth stanza. Curcio weighed 154, Bulick 147. In a six Archie DeVino, 124, Newark, decisioned Bernie Bernard, 129, of New York City.

BOXING AND WRESTLING IN EDMONTON AND CALGARY, CAN.
By WALT MARLOW

FISTIC fans out Edson way saw their second fight card in two months on September 2, when their own pride and joy, Billy Belcourt, scored a second round knockout over Wally Walters, Edmonton, in a scheduled 10-rounder. Belcourt weighed 188 to Walter's 175.

Appearing in the semi-windup spot, Benny Geary, Edmonton's claimant to the Western Canada welterweight title, made short order of Ted Warton, stopping the Edson hopeful at 1:05 in the first heat. Both weighed in at 142.

In the remaining tilts on the card, George Bougie, Edmonton, and Johnny Kosh, Luscar, battled to a three-round draw. Both tipped the scales at 147.

Georgie McGuire, Edmonton, continued his winning streak when he stopped Izzy Warton, Edson, in the second round of a scheduled four-rounder. McGuire weighed 135 to Warton's 129.

Johnny Murray, Edmonton, and Kenny McKeever, Edson, went to a four-round draw in a middleweight go while in the remaining two exhibitions, Johnny Gosh, Marbora, stopped Johnny Thompson, Edson, in one of a heavyweight affair. The curtain raiser saw Grant Turney and Sandy Tran, both of Edson, finish up on an equal basis in a four-rounder.

SHORT JABS: Benny Geary has pronounced himself fit and ready for a return go with Tommy Deschambeault providing of course that the Western Canada welterweight title is at stake. It'll be recalled that last February, Geary actually won the title on a foul but the Calgary Boxing Commission refused to recognize the referee's decision. The official declared Geary the winner after Deschambeault had fouled Geary in each of the three rounds before the fight was stopped. Jack Berry, undefeated Edmonton middleweight, has made it known that he'd like a shot at Ray Colling, Western Canada middleweight champ. Colling won the title back in May when he scored a ten-round knockout over Tommy Deschambeault. Gordon Grayston, No. 1 Western Canada heavyweight, has been looking for action for five months, but as yet, no dice. It appears that Grayston is the only current heavyweight in the west. The Farr-Loft gymnasium in Calgary has resumed operation after having been closed during the summer months. All aspiring pugilists are welcome to Ernie Farr's emporium of fistiana.

All unattached fighters contact Walt Marlow, 10361-98 St., Edmonton, Canada.

IN CHICAGO
With GENE ENGEL

EDDIE LANDER, Westside lightweight, proved his superiority over Nick Castiglione, Northside Italian puncher, in an eight-round Marigold Gardens headliner. Lander outsmarted and punched too fast for Nick.

Gene Joyce, Gary, 140-pound brother of the more famed Willie and Jimmy, stopped Pat Bradley, of Detroit, in the fifth and last round of their semi-attraction.

Clem Custer, hard-hitting Detroit 130-pounder, after being outpointed decisively for two and one-half rounds, K.O.'ed Ray Powell, of Alliquippa, Pa., with a mighty right hand sock in the third round.

Leon Thompson of Kentucky defeated George Feltes in a bruising five-round battle. Jack Ballangee, stablemate of world's middleweight champion, Tony Zale, conquered Joe Shiro of Detroit, in four.

Booker Beckwith enthralled 3,728 fans, who contributed to a gross gate of $7,595.30, to see him K.O. Bill Petersen in the fifth of a scheduled eight-round windup at the Marigold Gardens Arena.

Beckwith, weighing a mere 176 pounds to Petersen's 205, pushed Petersen around the ring with apparent ease. The final knockout came in the fifth heat when Beckwith landed with a terrific lefthook to the body, followed by a rapid firing right cross.

In the semi-windup, Johnny O'Brien, East Chicago, 155, won over Langford Greene of Detroit, in a tough five-rounder.

Clem Custer, devastating 130-pound puncher from Detroit, scored his second consecutive knockout by knocking out Johnny Grady in the fifth. This is the same Grady who extended Manuel Ortiz, World's Bantamweight Champion, for ten rounds on the West Coast.

In the remaining bouts: Paul Darby and Ruebin Meyers fought to a draw; Willie Scott, Gary lightweight, knocked out Lou Wilbourne, and Ray Cervantes, Mexican welter, won over Mickey Wilson.

Johnny Bratton of Chicago, the Middle West's outstanding lightweight contender, shellacked Roy Cadle of British Honduras in a six-round bout at Comiskey Park before 7,311 spectators.

Bratton gave the game but inexperienced Cadle a thorough going over before Referee Norm McGarity stopped the contest in the last session. Cadle had the ambition and determination, but gravely lacked in ability.

In the other bouts, Robert Satterfield stopped Vince Pimpinella, of Brooklyn, in two rounds.

Joe Maxim, Cleveland heavy and protege of Jack Kearns, used Henry Cooper for a punching bag, in each of their ten rounds.

Casey Jones knocked out Levi Southal, of Kansas City, Kan., in three.

In the other tenner Bill Petersen, 205-pound Indiana heavy, stowed away Tommy Woodward, Columbus, Ohio, light-heavy in two rounds. A gate of approximately $25,000 was realized.

Bob Foxworth, Golden Glove and National A.A.U. amateur light-heavyweight champion, engaged in his third pro contest, and registered a knockout over veteran Charley Jerome of Memphis, in two rounds, at White City. Foxworth dropped Jerome for a nine count just before the bell ended the first round and proceeded to complete the task as the second canto got underway.

Nick Castiglione drew with Art Andrews in a Marigold Garden eight-round headliner. Both fighters hit the canvas several times.

James Anderson, 190, Negro protege of Johnny Coulan, former World Bantamweight Champion, spilled Ed Wagner, 240, in the first round, but couldn't keep him there. Anderson took five-round decision.

Leon Thompson, hard-punching Evarts Kentuckian, won a tough five rounder from Harold Allee, St. Paul. Both are 150 pounders.

Georgie Adams K.O.'ed Tommy Hudson, Detroit junior lightweight, in two. Ray Barnes, Detroit, 155-pounder, took the measure of George Feltes, Milwaukee, in five rounds, and Speedy Williams opened the show by taking the nod over Jimmy Crow of Danville, Ill.

Freddie Dawson, southside lightweight contender, won a hard, clean ten-round fight from Gene Burton of New York City. Dawson took an early lead but midway in the scuffle he faltered as Burton's punching power increased. However, Dawson came back to take the last two rounds and the decision. This makes two wins for Dawson over Burton. The bout grossed $3,047.52.

The preliminaries saw Harold Jones, southpaw lightweight, knock out Saunders Simmons in the first round. Al McPherson dropped Jim McAllister for the count in the third frame and William Coleman defeated Frank McBride. James Arnold finished off Ray Meritt early in the first round.

Jimmy Fields, hard-punching Boston, Mass., 165-pounder, shocked Chicago fans with his sensational one-round win over Anton Raadik, Estonia middleweight contender. Raadik was felled by a terrific right-hand jolt, took a count, arose, went down again, and immediately was disqualified by Referee Walter Brightmore, in accordance with the Illinois Boxing Commission rules; 2,244 fans contributed to a gross gate of $4,899.09.

In the semi-windup Tom McVey, Negro, defeated Howard Thompson, six rounds. Eddie Lewitske won over Steve Bellus; James Anderson stopped Claude Brown and Bob Flannigan K.O.'ed Al McPherson, Negro, in three.

Emil Nanny has announced that he has acquired the Ashland Auditorium for boxing.

Billy Bengal, Detroit light-heavy, delivered a decisive beating to Buddy O'Dell, in the Marigold Garden's eight-round windup. Bengal had O'Dell on the canvas three times for counts.

Leon Thompson, Evarts, Ky., welterweight, scored his eighth consecutive triumph, when he spilled Lynn Nelson of Detroit for the count, in 2:56 of round one.

In the prelims, Jimmy Pryor, Gary 142-pounder, upset Jack Balangee, Tony Zale's stablemate. Gene Joyce, junior welter, of Gary, defeated Clem Custer, Detroit 130-pounder.

Pat Kelly, Detroit, won over Willie Scott, of Gary. Jimmy Fields K.O.'ed Sam Hughes, Detroit light-heavy, in two rounds of a slated ten. The gross receipts amounted to $2,699.

The card was studded with knockouts. Tommy Campbell, Rock Island lightweight, belted out Tony Rios of Sonora, Mexico, in two rounds, of their eight-round semi-final.

Ray Barnes, Detroit, stopped Joe Harvey, Anderson, Ind., in one round. Both 150 pounders. James Arnold, Chicago, defeated Vecie Van, Milwaukee light-heavy—five rounds. Harold Jones, Detroit, K.O.'ed Tony Maretta, Indianapolis, one round. Both lightweights. Horace Wilkins, Chicago, K.O.'ed Bob Flanigan, Detroit, in one heat—middleweights.

Ramey McKnight, Milwaukee middleweight, took a unanimous decision over Billy Bengal of Detroit, in the Marigold Garden's eight-round feature event.

Art Brown, Chicago welterweight, pounded out an eight-round decision over Robert Simmons, of Indianapolis.

Leon Thompson, 152-pound Kentuckian, achieved his tenth straight victory by winning over Jimmy Sherron, of Indianapolis, in five.

In other bouts Pat Kelly, Detroit lightweight, knocked out Willie Scott, of Gary, four rounds; Bobby Beamon, Indianapolis newcomer, surprised with his winning effort over stout-hearted Georgie Adams. Jack Ballangee conquered Joe Shiro of Detroit. This card drew $4,506.

In the last show of the month Tommy Campbell took the nod over Bill Eddy of Detroit, in the eight-round main event at the Rainbow Fronton.

In the prelims Ray Cervantes won over Buddy Jones in four; Bill Cummins K.O.'ed George Sanchez in four; Harold Jones whipped Ray Glenn in four, and Ray Barnes won over Stanley Jordan in five.

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CLEVELAND BOXING NEWS
By PHIL GOLDSTEIN

LARRY ATKINS and Bob Brickman, in conjunction with the American Legion, presented an exceptionally entertaining program at the Arena.

In the feature, Artie Levine, 160½, again proved his superiority over Charlie Padalino, 158½, by scoring a kayo in the second round. Levine won the first round handily and really went to town in the second. A hard left hook to the jaw followed by a short right to the same spot completing his evening's assignment. Padalino made a game but futile effort to regain his feet. It was a clean knockout. This was Levine's most masterful performance in Cleveland.

Anton Christoforidis, 161, knocked out Augie Fleishauer, 157, in the seventh. Christo looked good and gave game Augie a thorough trimming, scoring a knockdown in the second and two in the seventh. At that point Referee Marine Sgt. Barney Ross, former welter champ, stopped this uneven contest. Christo isn't far from his old good form.

The best fight of the night saw Mike Birskovich, 158, kayo Billy Walker, 159, in the seventh. Mike won the first three rounds, lost the next three, and was perpetual motion in the seventh. He knocked his opponent to the floor twice in this chapter, the last one for keeps. Walker outboxed Birskovich, but Mike's persistency finally paid off. Mike has improved immensely in the last half year.

Joe Ferrier, Toronto welterweight, was a substitute but didn't fight like one. He shaded the better known Vinnie Rossano in a beautiful eight-rounder. Rossano carried the heavier guns, but Ferrier was the speedier and out-maneuvered his more seasoned foe. The Canadian made a tremendous hit.

Charles Lester, 216, National A.A.U. champ, made an auspicious start as a pro defeating Jim Turner, 213, Detroit, in a four-rounder.

In another four, Leroy Koeth won his fourth straight pro fight decisioning Danny Fedoric of Toronto in a very pleasing bout. Koeth looks better every time out.

Frankie Neal, well known amateur trainer, is operating a very modern gymnasium on Pearl Road in Cleveland's West Side.

Leroy Jackson made another hit with Akron fans scoring a T.K.O. in the fifth at the expense of Billy Miller of Alliance. Miller hit the deck twice in the fourth and once in the fifth prior to Referee Eddy Atlas stopping this one sided affair. This was Leroy's third victory within a month's time in Akron rings.

KANSAS CITY AND VICINITY
By MAX YEARGAIN

RAY AUGUSTUS, Topeka's light-heavyweight sensation, again captured the Heart of America's fistic spotlight at Kansas City, Mo., when the rangy Kansan chalked up his third straight one-round knockout, flattening Francis Le Vier, Dallas Indian, in the opening stanza of a scheduled eight-rounder.

Returning to the ring after the cessation of the war, Augustus decisioned Jimmy Casino, kayo victor of former Champion Freddie Steele, and Amado Rodriquez, switch hitting light-heavyweight from Mexico.

Augustus's knockouts were chalked up over: Blackjack Lewis in three, Jimmy Merritt in one, Jackie Cushenberry, four, Jimmy Tapp, one, Floyd Hatcher, one, and Jack "Kayo" Nelson, five. His last three main events, all in one round knockouts, were scored over Johnnie Martin, Indianapolis, Jimmy Simmons, Detroit, and Le Vier, Dallas. Before the war Augustus was selected by THE RING Magazine as the 175-pound "Prospect of the Month." Fans throughout this section are again proclaiming the Topekan as king of the light-heavyweights in the Mid-West and this writer would like to see the popular Kansan named the prospect of the month in the 175-pound division.

In the other bouts in Promoter Gabe Kaufman's tournament of champions, Jackie Darthart, Kansas City's welterweight kayo artist, stopped Ora Smith in one. Lightweight Bo Davis, Kansas City, decisioned Curtis Smith, St. Louis, in eight. George Wilsman's middleweight, Deacon Logan, St. Louis, knocked out Larry Zeno, Kansas City in two. Derby Dan, Chicago light-heavyweight, decisioned John Riley, Oklahoma City, in eight. Dave Riley, St. Louis, welterweight, decisioned John Riley, Oklahoma City, in eight. Dave Riley, St. Louis, welterweight, decisioned Vert Gibson, Kansas City in eight.

Heard here and there: In Kansas City, Gabe Kaufman currently is staging a Mid-West Tournament of champions among the cream of professionals throughout this section in every weight division. Hats off to a man who is working hard to develop new talent.

Kansas City, Wichita and Topeka will be the scene of many outstanding fights this fall and winter and indications are these cities will play to record gates. Wichita opens the latter part of this month.

Rumored, Roy Miller, Henry Armstrong's middleweight protege, is scheduled to fight Jose Basora in Puerto Rico soon. Casey Jones, cagy ring veteran, scored a surprising kayo in Chicago, flattening Levi Southall, Armstrong's Kansas City welterweight, in the second canto. Kid Riveria, rotund heavyweight, stopped Bill Jackson's winning streak in St. Louis by knocking out the Topekan in two. George Wilsman, well-known boxing manager, is beating the drums for his new heavyweight Jack Feller. Two of Kansas City's fistic sensations, welter Major Jones and bantam Frankie Rivera, are now in California and expect to campaign up and down the coast.

Have received many letters requesting wrestling news—here goes: Mat promoters in this vicinity are interested in booking Primo Carnera. Vincent Lopez, Mexican mat contender has been signed to grapple here. Ray Schwarz, New York gripster, is drawing capacity crowds wherever he appears. Matgoers want Bobby Bruns back. Orville Brown MWA king is also champion at the box office. Ede Virag, European champion out of the army, returns. Virag, Hungarian-born, is proud he is an American citizen. The Brown-Virag feud continues. If they ever wrestle the average ringsider will have a hard time finding a seat so many grapplers will be watching the affair.

Kansas City, Mo.—Ray Augustus, Topeka light-heavyweight, knocked out Francis Levier, Dallas, in the first round of a scheduled eight-round bout here tonight in the heavyweight division of a six-match boxing tournament.

The K.O. was the third straight in the first round for Augustus and his thirty-first triumph in 34 starts as a professional.

Other results included: Derby Dan, 177, St. Louis, punched his way to a one-sided eight-round decision over John Riley, 169, Oklahoma City.

Unattached fighters wanting to appear in the Mid-West contact the writer. Your correspondent's address: 704 Kansas Ave., Suite 306, Topeka, Kansas.

Nat Fleischer Says:

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August. In Denver, Ted Mustang Garcia won the lightweight championship of the state from Freddie Taylor of Erie in 15 gruelling rounds with only 1,168 persons present. The net was only $1,474.80, far less than ordinarily has been the gate at most cards in which ordinary talent was on exhibition.

Considering that each of the fighters were working on a percentage, there was little in the pay envelope for the old champ and the new. Apparently the heat is off in boxing as is evidenced not only by the poor gates in many cities that had catered to S.R.O. houses since shortly after V-J day. This includes New York, Boston, Philadelphia and Detroit.

In New York, for example, scarcely a show in Madison Square Garden in recent months has had an attendance beyond 12,000, and a gate beyond $40,000. Prior to last February it was unusual to have less than an 18,000 assembly with a gross of $100,000. Yet continued gates of $40,000 each Friday give Mike Jacobs and his Garden partner plenty of hay.

In San Francisco at the National Hall, a few weeks ago, Charley Salas, star Mexican welterweight from Arizona, fought Sal Perea in a ten-round contest that was as tough a mill as that club has had in many moons. For their thrilling performance the fighters received pin money—a sum that was far below what the ordinary novice preliminary lad in New York obtains for a six-rounder. The entire house netted $684, and of that amount Salas received $68.41 for winning the bout, but—he also received a few rousing cheers for his great efforts, and as for the boys on the rest of the card, there was just enough left for them to purchase a bag of peanuts.

It appears that boxing has got back to normal. The million dollar gate for any contest—and this includes one in which Joe Louis is the headliner—will not be seen again in a hurry. The Black Market money that flowed into the coffers of the fight clubs almost has been dissipated.

The change came sooner than was predicted.

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IT happened during the month: Down in New Orleans, in a card featured by Mimmie Adragna and Petey Virgin, the Commission followed in the footsteps of the Western fight moguls who recently stepped into the ring and overruled the verdict of the officials.

In the Louisiana city, the Commissioners reversed the decision in the Al Guidri-Ted Agapion four-rounder with the announcement that the referee erred in awarding the verdict to Guidri. The referee, Ashton Donza, had voted two rounds for each fighter, but in view of the fact that Guidri had scored two clear knockdowns, the arbiter correctly circled Al's name as the winner of the contest.

The Commissioners overruled him. They apparently had figured that the bout ended in a draw because each fighter had been awarded two sessions, but they failed to realize that the third man in the ring has the privilege of scoring the verdict in favor of the man who in any one round, all other things being equal, scored the greater amount of damage.

There can be no doubt that two knockdowns in a fight that is otherwise even wins the bout for the man who dropped his opponent. The Louisiana Commission which started out with considerable promise, cannot expect its referees to work with any degree of confidence and have faith in themselves if their judgment is not to receive the support of the boxing board.

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The fight fans in Saint John, New Brunswick, witnessed one of the quickest knockouts on record on August 26, when five seconds after Benny Wood, Maritime lightweight champion, stepped into the ring with Leo Methot of Montreal, Wood flung a crushing right hook to the temple of the Montreal battler and the fight was over. The official count was fifteen seconds.

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On July 31 at Oakland, California, Frankie Gimbel, a local middleweight, was far out in front in his bout with Lincoln Stanley, another Oaklander. It looked like a cinch for him to win, but an accidental push caused Stanley to fall out of the ring and when he got back, he couldn't continue. The referee decided to call the bout a draw and explained after the bout that it would have been unfair for him to award the decision to Gimbel, who would have been a sure winner, since the push, though accidental, actually constituted a foul.

In the East, in New York for example, the bout would have been scored in Gimbel's favor by a knockout, or Gimbel would have been disqualified.

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September 9 saw the revival of boxing in the old city of Berlin, up in the mountains of New Hampshire, after a lapse of six years. The home of Brown Paper Mills, the biggest in the state, boasts of several thousand dyed-in-the-wool enthusiasts who spend their time during the winter skiing, and in summer and fall have little to meet their yen for sports entertainment.

John Giardini, well known boxing promoter of Boston, was called to the rescue and from now on, boxing will be staged every two weeks. The opening show, which THE RING Editor attended, indicated that John knows his business and that the Berlin fans will not be disappointed in him.

Giardini hopes also to open a winter club at Conway, N. H., home of the famous ski jump that attracts thousands of people each year. It's an ideal spot for a fight club.

Berlin in the good old days, between 1895 and 1908, was the scene of many great ring battles. Among the stars who fought there was Sam Langford, whose battle with Joe Reed on December 22, 1904, is still the subject of discussion among the oldtimers. Sam knocked out Reed in the ninth, in a hair-raising bout in which many knockdowns were scored.

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At Liverpool on August 8, there was an unusual ending to the contest at the Stadium when Johnny Malloy and Paddy Dowdall, lightweights, suffered a double disqualification for persistent holding in the seventh round of a scheduled ten rounder. These boys had met on two previous occasions, each winning a decision in thrilling fights.

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Britton *vs.* Lewis

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In a clinch Walker drove his left and right to the body. Britton drove a left to the face, but took a left and right to the body in return. Walker drove a left to the stomach, but was wild when he tried a right for the jaw. Britton hooked a left to the stomach. Walker drove Britton to the ropes under a shower of rights and lefts to the face and body. A right to the jaw sent Britton down. The bell sounded at the count of seven, ending the round.

Eleventh Round

Britton was weary when he came up for this round. His sluggish movements indicated this plainly. Walker hooked two lefts to the jaw and they mixed it in a furious rally. Britton repeatedly drove his right to the jaw past a wild attack by Walker. Britton missed a right for the jaw and slipped to one knee. Walker hooked a left to the stomach. Britton missed a left hook for the jaw and again slipped to one knee. Walker drove his left to the stomach and took a left to the jaw in return. Britton drove a right to the jaw. Britton was tired, but fought desperately at close quarters. Britton uppercut a right to the face. Walker drove a left to the jaw at the bell.

Twelfth Round

Walker hooked a left to the heart. They exchanged lefts to the face. Walker drove his right and left to the body. Walker grazed the face with his right and left. Walker repeatedly drove a left hook to the face. Walker backed Britton into a neutral corner and drove a left to the body. Walker hooked a left to the stomach and Britton went down for a count of nine. Walker was on him in a fury and belted Britton with rights and lefts to the face and body. Britton clinched and held on. Britton staggered under rights and lefts to the jaw. Britton was staggering at the bell.

Thirteenth Round

They exchanged lefts to the body. In a clinch, Britton hooked a left to the jaw. Walker drove a left and right to the body. Britton hooked a light left to the face. Walker pounded the body with rights and lefts. Britton jabbed a left to the face and Walker countered with a glancing left to the stomach. Walker drove a hard left and right to the face. Britton fought desperately, but was terribly weary. Britton held in the clinches for breathing spells. Walker forced the fighting without a let-up, leading with lefts and rights to the stomach.

Fourteenth Round

Walker dug a left to the stomach and, in a clinch, drove his right and left to the stomach. Walker pounded the kidneys and ribs at close quarters. Britton boxed solely on the defensive, while Walker bent all his efforts to scoring a knockout. Walker drove a wicked left to the body. Walker almost upset Britton with a left to the face. Walker drove a left and right to the jaw. At close quarters Walker pounded the body. Walker hooked a left to the jaw. Britton drove a left and right to the face, but took a left and right to the face in return. Walker drove both hands to the body and then shifted his attack to the face. They were clinched at the bell.

Fifteenth Round

They shook hands. Britton was weary. Walker was smiling. They went to close quarters, where Walker drove a left and right to the body. Walker drove Britton to the ropes with a right to the jaw. Walker let loose a spirited two-handed attack to the face and body, but Britton blocked a number of the blows. Britton hooked a left to the face, but took two terrific drives to the stomach in return. Walker forced Britton around the ring with an attack that was for the most part wild. Britton was too weary to direct his punches. Walker drove terrific rights and lefts to the body and Britton doubled up. Then Walker shot a hard left to the stomach and much to Britton's relief, the final gong sounded.

Red Letter Day

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SEPTEMBER 25, 1896 is a Red Letter Day in the history of New York boxing and also in the life of Sam Austin, for on that day, just fifty years ago, Sam participated in the birth of legalized boxing in New York. It was the day on which the Horton Law, recently passed, received its baptism.

The scene was the famous Broadway Athletic Club of which the handsome Tom O'Rourke was promoter.

The principals in the main event were George Dixon, world featherweight king managed by O'Rourke and Ed White, the greatest featherweight ever turned out in Chicago.

The referee of that bout, the first staged under police supervision in the Empire State, was none other than the man who, at the age of 81, still sits in as a judge in New York bouts—Sam Austin.

For thrills, for action, for determined effort on the part of each contestant, it rarely has been the lot of followers of the fistic sport to witness such a glove contest as marked the inaugural card staged under the Horton Anti-Price Fight Law. It was a bout in which the legality of scientific boxing under police restrictions was given its first test and all hands, including the minions of the law who attended in large numbers, agreed that there wasn't the least justification for interference such as had marred many famous bouts previously. The main event and the semi-final between Johnny Gorman and Danny McBride, gave boxing a flourishing send-off that night. Both were thrillers.

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THE requirements of the new Horton Law were lived up to and Sam Austin received the praises of press, fight fans and the police for the part he played in seeing that the law was fully obeyed. There wasn't a semblance of brutality, that phase of the sport which caused the blue law agitators to beseech the powers-that-be to eliminate boxing from the category of sports in New York.

The bout between the featherweight king and his Chicago rival was one of extreme cleverness and physical endurance. Dixon put up a wonderfully aggressive fight from the start and he kept it up right to the finish. He was up against an opponent who was a marvel on the defense and try as Dixon might, with all the tactics known to a ring general, he couldn't injure the youthful Chicagoan whose boxing skill opened the eyes of the keen followers of the sport.

White was not a slugger, nor a hard hitter but his jabs were jarring and his counters were beautifully executed. White's jabs brought the claret early from Dixon's nose and both of the champ's eyes were badly damaged, yet there was no brutality as the police were instructed to view boxing. It was cleverness that did the trick.

White kept out of range of the Negro boy's rushes and swings for ten rounds and when he gained confidence, he came in closer and at times was a willing mixer. He kept within reach of the champion's face and often jabbed his long left to the mouth effectively.

IT was a contest in which clean hitting predominated. White depended on his well-tutored left while Dixon's versatility, born of experience, enabled him to utilize all the ring tactics of which he was a master. At no time in the entire twenty rounds did either have an advantage. It was a give-and-take affair all the way with each round a repetition of the preceding. In the last round, each of the contestants, keyed up to a high pitch, fought hard to turn the tide but when the final gong sounded, almost everyone in the arena applauded without favoritism, thus sensing the verdict.

Amidst wild cheering, Referee Austin held up the hands of each and called the mill a draw. It was a popular verdict and was hailed with delight by a packed gathering.

Under the Horton Law fights were permitted without any limits to the number of rounds and decisions by a referee were likewise in order. Thus Sam Austin, the venerable gentleman who sits in at the ringside of many New York Clubs still rendering fight decisions, has the distinction of being the first to give an official verdict under the Horton Law.

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PRIOR to the Horton Law, fights had been staged in New York at many clubs, primarily through paid graft for police protection. The Horton Law changed this. It permitted not only decisions by referees, but the posting of forfeits and side bets. Finish fights could have been pulled off but the promoters preferred to stage bouts of twenty or twenty-five rounds. Clubs were permitted to operate provided they had a year's lease on a building and such building was used exclusively for athletic events.

Prior to the passage of the Horton Law, bouts were staged at neighborhood clubs but the promoters never knew when the club would be raided. Four round bouts were held at the old Madison Square Garden, the Coney Island A.C., Maspeth A.C., Greenpoint A.C., Seagate A.C., Empire Athletic Club, Puritan A.C., Lenox A.C., the Broadway A.C., the Union Park Club, and the American Club. The Horton Law lasted until 1900 when it was repealed following the Kid McCoy-James J. Corbett fiasco.

Crowd Pleasers

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ager is Eleger Harvey. Has done the majority of his fighting in Michigan. Was born in Port Huron. Holds Joe Louis as his idol. Is a crowd pleaser.

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EDDIE "JACK" PRINCE

DETROIT, the home town of many a big name boxer, has a youngster, Eddie "Jack" Prince, of whom much is expected.

Eddie, 22 years old, 5 feet 6½ inches tall, who tilts the scales at 135, has been pushing leather in the pro ranks since he made his debut as a money chaser on December 11, 1944, when he climbed into the roped square to face Cedric Flourney. He lost in four rounds. He came back, however, to beat Tommy Bridges, Nathan Crosby, Jimmy Rizzo and drew with Verne Bybee in ten.

In the amateur ranks, from his 16th year up to the time that he turned pro, he won 68 bouts and lost six.

Prince fights from a semi-crouch stance and has a good wallop in his right hand.

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CORKY DAVIS

WORCESTER, which has been the home town of many fine fighters, has a fine prospect in Corky Davis, 135-pound Irish lad, who is successfully campaigning in New England rings.

Davis, recently discharged from Uncle Sam's Navy, has been building up an impressive record. He has had 15 fights since leaving the Navy and lost only two. One of these was his first bout of the 1946 season, in which he was stopped in the seventh round. Since then he has had 11 bouts, losing only to Leo Methot in eight. However, he more than evened the score by beating Methot twice in return matches.

Corky has kayoed Al Lewis in three, Russ Barnes in two, Henry Briere in three and in a return bout in four, Ernie Cabral in five, Danny Berger in two, and Bobby Martin in two.

In his latest fight he beat Jimmy McLarnin.

Corky is a two-handed puncher who believes in throwing as many blows in as short a period of time as possible. Which is what he did in his fight with Jerry Zollo at New Bedford, Mass., that ended in a draw. In that bout Davis established a record for the number of blows thrown in any one contest—at least his manager and the local scribe say. According to them, he was clocked at 1432 for the bout.

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Williams and Mouzon Rate Highest

By THE RING EDITOR

MANY upsets were recorded during the latter part of August and the month of September, the biggest being the knockout of Bob Montgomery by Wesley Mouzon in two rounds. By that defeat, Bob lost his position on top of the heap in the lightweight division and dropped to fourth place. Mouzon's kayo victory over Bob and the knockout of Ronnie James by Ike Williams, in an international lightweight match billed by the British as for the world championship, make Mouzon and Ike the month's outstanding fighters.

Joe Walcott's upset at the hands of Joey Maxim and the current knockout of Lee Savold by Elmer Ray, caused a shift in the heavyweight division that placed Elmer in second position behind Tami Mauriello and Maxim in third with Walcott behind him.

Curtis Sheppard is making a bold bid for high honors. He has been travelling at a good gait and now occupies fifth place among the heavyweight contenders. Billy Conn has been dropped and will remain out of the ratings until such time as he decides to resume fighting. Melio Bettina again has joined the elite. He is ranked tenth.

In the light-heavyweight class, Costello Cruz's victory over Joe Kahut gained for the Californian a high rating. He has been placed in eighth position and Kahut has been dropped to tenth. Booker Beckwith, whose comeback so far has been successful, is sixth. Billy Fox has jumped into second place.

Georgie Abrams is back in the middleweight ratings as a result of his victory over Steve Belloise. A newcomer in that division is Al Priest who defeated Coley Welch for the New England title.

Chuck Taylor again graces the ranking ten in the welter section and a new comer in that division is Charlie Fusari.

Ray Robinson continues as the world's best boy in that group. He is the uncrowned king of the welters. Tippy Larkin is our second choice and Beau Jack and Greco, third and fourth respectively.

In the lightweight class Ike Williams now heads the list by virtue of his knockout of the British lightweight king. Wesley Mouzon, who fought a draw with Ike earlier this year and a few weeks ago stopped Bob Montgomery, rates second.

Jock Leslie and Sandy Saddler have advanced in the featherweight listing in which the talent is mediocre. Phil Terranova continues to head the list as the outstanding contender for Pep's crown.

The heavyweight bouts:

Joey Maxim scored a stunning upset by outpointing Jersey Joe Walcott, 10. Jersey Joe Walcott halted Tommy Gomez, 3.

Violent Ray iced Lee Savold, 2. Joe Baksi stopped Agustino Guedes, 4. Paulino Uzcudun, at the age of forty-five, started a comeback with an eight-round no-decision bout against Rodolfo Diaz.

Erv Sarlin defeated Buddy Komar, 10, and Pat Comiskey, 10. Curtis Sheppard defeated Johnny Shkor, 10. Melio Bettina knocked out Laurient Bouchard, 2.

Phil Muscato iced Jackie Cranford, 1, and beat Henry Jones, 10. Arturo Godoy knocked out Tony Musto, 6, and whipped Cyclone Williams, 10.

Jimmy Carollo upset Shamus O'Brien, 8. Jack London chilled Joe Foord, 6. Bill Poland iced Joe Thomas, 2; Jimmy Gardner, 3; and Marty Clark, 3.

Jackie Fisher stopped Billie LaRose, 1. Buddy Knox knocked out Jimmy Evans, 7. Austin Johnson stopped Bobby Jones, 6.

Pat Valentino outpointed Jack Hannon Porter, 10. Clent Conway beat Clayton Worlds, 10. Rusty Payne whipped Harry Wills, 10; but was stopped by Johnny Haynes, 3.

Clarence Brown drew with Johnny Denson, 12; and beat Sid Peak, 10. Cleo Everett outpointed Abel Cestac, 8. Steve Ketchel knocked out Johnny Davis, 7. Cliff Keorkle knocked out Art Ramsey, 7. Gene Felton stopped Kid Hermosillo, 9.

Here are the light-heavyweight bouts:

Booker Beckwith chilled Bill Petersen, 8. Archie Moore iced heavyweight Buddy Walker in four rounds; and Shamus O'Brien, 2.

Billy Smith outscored Bobby Zander, 12. Costello Cruz defeated Joe Kahut in 10.

Bob Foxworth knocked out Charles Jerome, 2. Ray Augustus chilled Francis LeVier, 1.

Anton Christoforidis stopped Augie Fleishauer, 7. Abel Gonsalves beat Jimmy Nelson, 10. Charlie Chaney stopped Steve Hostak, 3; and beat Joe Bennett, 8.

Billy Fox iced Joe Reddick in 3 for his 40th straight K.O. win. Prentiss Hall outscored Jimmy Mulligan, 8. Jimmy Fields chilled Sam Hughes, 2.

Cleve Bailey stopped Ralph DeJohn, 3. Billy Grant outpointed Johnny Colan, 10. Ramey McKnight whipped Billy Bengal, 8. Eddie Boden scored over Johnny Martin, 8; and Tommy Doyle, 4. Willy Quentnmeyer beat Said Kadour, 10.

Johnny Eagle outscored Abel Gonsalves, 10.

Lester Peppe kayoed Jerry Heminger, 1.

Francis Leonard defeated Freddy Burke, 10.

Ace Miller outpointed Gene Spencer, 10.

Middleweight contests:

Georgie Abrams upset Steve Belloise in 10. Bert Lytell beat St. Paul in 10, but was stopped by Deacon Brown, 2. Herbie Kronowitz whipped Pete Mead, 10.

Jimmy Edgar iced William Johnson, 2; and beat Jimmy Hayden, 10. Fred Apostoli beat Sheik Rangel, 10, and stopped Dencio Cabanella, 7, while Rangel beat Dencio Cabanella, 10.

Artie Levine starched Charlie Padalino, 2. Al Priest whipped Coley Welch, 12 (won New England middleweight title).

Sam Baroudi knocked out Ernie Griffin, 4; and beat Johnny Eagle, 10. Jesse Moraney beat Bobby Lakin, 8. Vince Fratello stopped Billy Cooper, 9; and John King, 3.

Danny Martin beat Jerry Fiorello, 10, but lost to Danny Rosati, 10. Tony Ricco beat Sonny Horne, 10, and Horne whipped Mickey Doyle, 10, and Aaron Perry, 10. Johnny Eagle whipped Zach Robinson, 10.

Bob Simmons whipped Herschel Joiner, 10. Clint Perry outscored Frankie Anderson, twice during the month in eights. Chuck Hunter scored over Bobby Berger via the K.O. route in 2.

Anthony Jones beat Charlie McPherson, 10. Roy Evans beat Eddie Steele, 10. Al Galgut outscored Billy Carrigan, 6.

Joe Blackwood knocked out Willard Buckless, 1, and Tommy Bland in 4. Larry Fontana starched Mel Hawkins, 6. Vinnie Vines whipped Tommy Mills, 10.

George Duke beat Cleve Kelley, 10. Danny Williams starched Kid Chicken, 6. Dom Youvella belted out Harry Daniels, 3.

Billy Kilroy defeated Bobby Boucher, 6. Jack Chase whipped Kenny Watkins in 10. The officials at first awarded the duke to Watkins but after a card recheck, it was discovered that one of the judges had misread his scoring. Ossie Harris beat Dave Clark, 10.

Jota Jota Fernandez knocked out Gentle Daniel, 3. Cliff Beckett drew with Mike Birskovich, 10. Frankie Ross outscored Ed Richardson, 8. Jerry Fiorello beat Dave Chacon, 8.

Walter Duval stopped Milo Theodorescu, 1. Clarence Wilkinson scored over Mel Hawkins, 8. George Duke defeated Gene Cartwright, 10.

Major Jones whipped Don Lee, 10. Des Jones beat Bert Sanders, 10. Ginger Ward stopped Boyo Burns, 4.

Ron Cooper knocked out Wally With, 4. Ellis Stewart whipped Davey Feld, 10. Baby Sims beat Tommy Jackson, 10.

Jake LaMotta knocked out Bob Satterfield, 7.

Anton Raadik thrashed Joe LaMotta, 10.

Sam Baroudi drew with Chuck Hunter, 10.

Jerry Boisvert knocked out Don Sinibaldi, 4.

Charlie Hayes won over Cleve Bailey, 10.

Peter Cobe drew with Perry Lowe, 10.

The welterweight mills:

Marty Servo and Bobby Lakin went 10 rounds to no decision before wounded vets at Fort Dix, New Jersey.

Tony Pellone took the nod over Billy Graham, 10. Graham beat Vic Costa, 8.

Ray Robinson knocked out Vinnie Vines, 6. Tippy Larkin defeated Bobby McIntire, 10. Joe Curcio defeated Bobby Berger, 10, and stopped Mike Bulick, 8, and lost to Art Towne, 10. Towne beat Joey Falco, 10, and Ed Saunders, 6.

Johnny Greco defeated Dave Castilloux, 10, to win Canadian welter title. Beau Jack defeated Danny Kapilow, 10.

Vinnie Rossano won over Phil Palmer, 10, but lost to Joey Ferrier, 8. Bernard Docusen defeated Henry Jordan, 10; Paul Reguejo, 8; and Norman Rubio, 8. Charlie Fusari knocked out Freddie Archer, 7.

Al Costa defeated Benny Singleton, 10. Eric Boon chilled Laurie Stevens, 3. George LaRover stopped Humberto Zavala, 10.

Chuck Taylor chilled Jack Wilder, 1. Earl Turner beat Chester Slider, 10.

Bill Tierney beat Babe Picazo, 10. Johnny

RING RATINGS FOR THE MONTH

Ending September 15, 1946

Heavyweights (Over 175 pounds)	Light-Heavyweights (Not exceeding 175 pounds)	Middleweights (Not exceeding 160 pounds)	Welterweights (Not exceeding 147 pounds)
World's Champion Joe Louis	World's Champion Gus Lesnevich	World's Champion Tony Zale	World's Champion Marty Servo
1—Tami Mauriello	Ezzard Charles	Jake LaMotta	Ray Robinson
2—Elmer Ray	Billy Fox	Charley Burley	Tippy Larkin
3—Joey Maxim	Archie Moore	Rocky Graziano	Beau Jack
4—Joe Walcott	Freddie Mills	Georgie Abrams	Johnny Greco
5—Curtis Sheppard	Tommy Yarosz	Jimmy Edgar	Willie Joyce
6—Bruce Woodcock	Booker Beckwith	Artie Levine	Tony Janiro
7—Joe Baksi	Billy Grant	Marcel Cerdan	Tommy Bell
8—Lee Q. Murray	Costello Cruz	Steve Belloise	Bernard Docusen
9—Jimmy Bivins	Billy Smith	Holman Williams	Chuck Taylor
10—Melio Bettina	Joe Kahut	Al Priest	Charlie Fusari

Lightweights (Not exceeding 135 pounds)	Featherweights (Not exceeding 126 pounds)	Bantamweights (Not exceeding 118 pounds)	Flyweights (Not exceeding 112 pounds)
World Champion International Title Vacant	World's Champion Willie Pep	World's Champion Manuel Ortiz	World's Champion Jackie Paterson
1—Ike Williams (Recognized by N.Y.)	Phil Terranova	David Kui Kong Young	Rinty Monaghan
2—Wesley Mouzon	Carlos Chavez	Cliff Anderson	Joe Curran
3—Johnny Thomas	Oscar Calles	Theo Medina	Terry Allen
4—Bob Montgomery (N.B.A. Champion)	Miguel Acevedo	Luis Castillo	Dado Marino
5—Enrique Bolanos	Jock Leslie	Tony Olivera	Alec Murphy
6—Johnny Bratton	Sandy Saddler	Bunty Doran	Jimmy Gill
7—Larry Cisneros	Jackie Graves	Benny Goldberg	Dick O'Sullivan
8—Allie Stolz	Ronnie Clayton	Peter Kane	Mick McKay
9—Vic Patrick	Ray Famechon	Jackie Jurich	Tommy Burney
10—Julio Jiminez	Sal Bartolo	Stan Rowen	Stumpy Butwell

Taylor drew with Leo Sawicki, 10. Joe DiMartino drew with Roddy McDonald, 10; and then stopped him in 10. Tony Vero knocked out Buddy Germaine, 2; Mace Brown, 2; and Pat Doyle, 3.

Dave Andrews outpointed Pat Spataro, 10; but lost to Tony Falco, 10. Cecil Hudson beat Jimmy Sherrer in 10; but lost to O'Neill Bell, 10.

Lou Rousse stopped Cosby Linson, 9. Benny Delgado iced Oscar St. Pierre, 1. Len Taglia drew with Chet Vinci, 8; and drew with Tony Vero, 8. Clyde Gordon chilled Al Reid, 3; and drew with Cotton King, 8. Charley Zivic repeated his win over Sammy Adragna, 10.

Jerry Boisvert halted Lucio Lima, 10. Harold Green beat Sammy Secreet, 12. Roger Whynott outscored Buddy Brown, 8; and then drew with him in eight.

Morris Reif knocked out Vic Pignataro, 2. Young Salvatore drew with Charley Salas, 10. Al Costa beat Johnny Taylor, 10. Lou Valles defeated Tiger Nelson, 8.

Pat Donahue stopped Al Vera. Tommy Marra iced Johnny Rinaldi, 1; and Al Seidman, 3. Vince LaSalva whipped Al Seidman, 8.

Al Highers whipped Johnny Sheppard, 10. Ben Montabano whipped Jim Hatcher, 10. Fred Coppola stopped Ernie Cabral, 2. Charlie Williams decisioned Leo Jones, 10.

Billy Kilroy chilled Frank Ferretti, 1. Ed Moniz stopped Maurice Beauchene, 7. Pete Geno beat Russ Hawkins, 8.

Rocco Rossano whipped Eddie Murphy, 8. Nava Esparza outpointed Charlie "Dixie" Davis, 10. Mike DeCosmo stopped Harry Preston, 3. Pedro Cobe outpointed Stan Perrock, 10.

Vince Gambill decisioned Bulldog Camagueyano, 10. Wayland Douglas knocked out Jorge Morelia, 9. Al Guido beat Pat Scanlon, 10. Joey Raymond beat Juan Villalba, 10.

Joey Carkido defeated Eskar Mosley, 6. Richard Polite halted A. C. Lee, 2. Willie Odom outscored Juan Carrero, 8.

George LaRover stopped George Smith, 6. Tony Falco stopped George Teague, 5; but was chilled by Jim Hill, 2; and beat Artie Robinson, 10. Al Coutoure stopped Al Michaud, 3.

Buster Tyler stopped Vince LaSalva, 5. Sal Ritchie beat Charlie Howard, 8. Doug Carter beat Joey Peralta, 10.

The George Martin vs. Patsy Giordano was declared no contest in 4, while in a rematch, Martin also beat George Doty, 10. Bobby Pryor stopped Red Doty, 5. Myron Padlo whipped McCoy Jones, eight.

Irving Palefsky stopped Johnny Rinaldi, 1. Leo Sawicki knocked out Jimmy Mooney, 5. Manolo Sanchez stopped Aguilera, 3. Gene Ronstadt whipped Shangy Tsukano, 6.

Jordan Tarone knocked out Jack Heaton, 5. Gavilan Kid beat Hankin Barrows, 10. Ginger Stewart beat Billy Stevens, 10.

Jackie Forbes won on a foul from Dave Edwards, 10. Yrjoe Pitulainen stopped Johnny Waters, 2. Jose Garcia Alvarez won on a foul over Meyer Siegel, 2. Joe Cassidy scored over Billy Watt, 10.

Roman Alvarez beat Doug Ratford, 10.

Harry Hurst whipped Lenny Mancini, 10.

The lightweight contests:

Wesley Mouzon caused a sensation by stiffening lightweight champion Bob Montgomery in the second heat of a non-title scrap. Frankie Moore knocked out Bobby Yaeger, 4; but lost to John Thomas, 10.

Ike Williams knocked out Ronnie James in the ninth heat of an NBA title bout. Johnny Bratton stopped Roy Cadle, 5. Johnny Dell outpointed Chalky Wright, 10; but lost to Eddie Giosa, 10. Patsy Giovanelli beat Rudy Garcia, 8.

Buddy Garcia stopped Lou Casiano, 5. Frankie Palermo outscored Billy Strauss, 6. Jimmy Esposito whipped Jimmy Potts, 6. Willie Beltram won over Harry Diduck, 8; and Rudy Garcia, 6.

Jimmy Collins beat Dom Fiantini, 10. Charley Smith halted Anunzio Ferrara, 7. Julie Bort whipped Al Guido, 10. Larry Cisneros defeated Vic Moreno, 8; and Norman Rubio, 10.

Leon Haire knocked out Jeff Holloway, 6. Freddie Dawson beat Gene Burton, 10. Paul Reguejo outscored Jerry Darby, 8.

Nick Moran knocked out Billy James, 8. Ted Garcia whipped Fred Taylor, 15. Joe D'Amato outclassed Aurelio Vasquez, 4; and beat Patsy Zoccano, 6.

Freddie Russo beat Joe Carney, 8. Eddie Lander defeated Nick Castiglione, 8.

Enrique Bolanos stopped Joey Pirrone, 2. Tommy Campbell whipped Bill Eddy, 8. Eddie Perry beat Willie Russell, 10.

Juste Fontaine chilled Billy Bates, 4. Harry Silver stopped Bobby Williams, 6. Al Erwin stopped Toby Vigil, 5. Cyril Gallie won over Raul Zenit, 8.

Jesse Flores halted Eddie Marcus, 7. Lulu Costantino outfought Paulie Jackson, 10; Bobby Williams, 8; and Al Pennino in 10.

Eddie Hudson stopped Dixie Fleming, 6. Florient Desmarais chilled Teddy Swain, 8. Nick Castiglione won over Art Andrews, 8. Eddie Prince stopped Julio Franco, 1.

Harry Hintlian beat Herbie Freeman, 8. Gene Burton whipped Dorsey Lay, 10. Tony LaRocco kayoed Charley Donovan, 1.

Ritchie Asato beat Richard Silva, 7. Tommy Greb knocked out Jean Barriere, 1. Ray Klingmeyer stopped Bobby Liftwood, 2.

Tony Antognoli stopped Billy Strauss, 3. Robert Takeshita stopped Mariano Dias in the 2nd heat for his seventh straight kayo win.

Stan Hawthorn stopped Bob Roberts, 4. Billy Thompson stopped Dan McAllister, 2. Eddie Thomas beat Bob Ramsey, 6.

Eddie Thomas beat Reg Quinlan, 6. John Ingle knocked out John Ward. Johnny McManus stopped Johnny Russell, 4.

Featherweights fared as follows:

Willie Pep knocked out Doll Rafferty in the 6th heat of a non-title scrap. Pep also stopped Walt Kolby, 5.

Dennis Pat Brady whipped Steve Kronis, 8; and Aponte Torres, 10. Spider Armstrong knocked out Lloyd Hudson, 3; Fred Yellavich, 9; and Honeyboy Villa, 2. Charlie Riley iced Chico Morales, 4.

Jock Leslie knocked out Willie Anderson, 5. Maxie Docusen beat Kenny Haines, 4. Bobby Jackson and Al Medrano bout was declared no-contest in the 8th round.

Bobby English outscored Tommy Wells, 10, but lost to Tony Costa, 10, and Jimmy Corti, 10. Costa beat Charlie Noel, 10.

Aurelio Cruz knocked out Augie Lapara, 6. Teddy Swain stopped Tommy Wells, 8. Angelo Ambrosano whipped Johnny Settles, 6. Mike Raffa drew with Chico Morales, 10.

Jackie McCoy drew with Speedy Cabanella, 10; then beat him in 10. Cabanella chilled Eli Golindo, 2.

Lino Garcia whipped Diego Sosa, 10. Blond Tiger drew with Young Junior, 8. Eligio Alvarez drew with Manuel Garcia, 8. Sandy Saddler defeated Pedro Firpo, 10.

Nick Stato whipped Jackie Floyd, 10; and Filberto Osario, 10. Willie Jones stopped Bud Cottey, 7. Mimmie Adragna beat Pete Virgin, 10.

Willie Roache knocked out Ted Christie, 2; and drew with Freddie Russo, 10. Fabela Chavez whipped Lou Bernal, 10; and Mario Trigo, 10.

Tomas Beato whipped Frankie Pucci, 10; and stopped Joey Iannotti, 9. Rocco Progano beat Frankie Pucci, 10. Buddy Hayes stopped Ivan Jones, 5. Joey Dolan beat Danny Webb, 8.

Ronnie Clayton defeated Ben Duffy, 15, for Northern Area feather title. Jackie Harris beat Jimmy Rizzo on a disqualification in 5. Vince Miller outscored Walter Cabey Lewis, 8.

Willie Weasel stopped Johnny Wolgast, 1. Bobby Waters knocked out Baby Armstrong, 2.

Cliff Curvis beat Frank Williams, 8; and Germaine Perez, 8. Speedy Cabanella chilled Eli Golindo, 2. Aponte Torres beat Steve Kronis, 10.

Eric Powell beat Cliff Morris, 8. Lefty Quiocho beat Kid Waianae, 4. Hideo Hengan stopped John Ropedo, 2. Johnny Torres beat Jimmy Joseph, 4.

Tommy Umeda stopped Kid Tarlac, 1. Jackie Webber beat Oliver Desmarais, 10. Paddy McDonald whipped Jimmy Stubbs, 10.

The bantamweight bouts:

Gene Kelly beat Jose Andres, 10. Gabriel Rios drew with Jose DeMedine, 6. Cliff Anderson beat Theo Medina, 10. William Cummings stopped Tuffy Fairfield, 8. Bunty Doran beat Teddie O'Neill, 8.

Fernando Gagnon knocked out Eddie Petrin, 5. Jimmy Parlin beat Joe Rodriquez, 8. Tony Bongi outscored Tom Trout, 4. Willie Rigby stopped Jackie Ryan, 2. Johnny Perry was knocked out by Marciel Baptiste, 4. Joe Collins whipped Tommy Madine.

Jimmy Stewart defeated Terry Dawes, 8. Peter Kane stopped Jackie Hughes, 5; and Ron Bissell, 2. Billy Hazelgrove outscored Jimmy Webster, 8.

Jack Lucraft K.O.'ed George Simmons, 6. Norman Lewis chilled Ritchie McCulloch, 9. Val Alvarado beat Kid Waianae, 4; and Eddie Reyes, 5. Rolando Delgado kayoed Monolito Kid, 4. Jorge Robles stopped Leonardo Lopez, 8.

Tsuneshi beat Tiger Rosa, 4. Harry McCoy was disqualified in the third round of his bout with Herbert Coates. Jackie McCall beat Dickie Grant, 6; and Grant outscored Joe Collins, 8. McCall beat Mickey Jones, 8; and lost to Charlie Kerr, 8. Eddie Carson defeated Bobby McDonald, 10.

Stan Rowen knocked out Joe Collins, 1. Terry Allen beat Les Johnson, 8. Alf Hughes whipped Les Johnson, 12. Eddie Doran stopped Jimmy Webster, 6.

Alf Hughes stopped Ike Weir, 7. Johnny Price stopped Johnny Bollen, 1. Monito Flores beat Aztequita Orizabeno, 4.

Prospects of the Month

Heavyweight—Al Swain, Great Britain

Light-heavyweight — Henry Holley, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Middleweight—Mike Birskovich, Niles, Ohio.

Welterweight—Charley Busalacchi, Milwaukee, Wis.

Lightweight—Frankie Fernandez, Honolulu, T.H.

Featherweight—Harry Varava, Roebling, New Jersey.

Bantamweight—Frank DiPiano, Philadelphia, Pa.

Flyweight—none.

From Oldtimer's Scrapbook

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thought that it was the most genuinely funny thing I ever saw.

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ACCORDING to a statement made by Billy Gibson, when he took Benny Leonard to Buffalo in 1916 to fight Rock Kansas, he had a hard time convincing the club officials that the quiet, unassuming lad he had in charge was really the crack New York lightweight, although they admitted his identity quickly enough after they saw Benny swing into action. Which recalls the case of Charles (Kid) McCoy at Marion, Ind.

It was in 1893 when the versatile Kid was hopscotching around the country taking fights wherever he could get them, and was still unknown to fame. At that time McCoy was a slender, pale stripling weighing about 140 pounds, quick as a cat, his seemingly frail frame betraying no signs of the terrific powers which he even then possessed. The Kid went in as a substitute against a big, burly husky known as Dick Harris, who outweighed him by thirty pounds. When Harris saw the slim, pallid youth enter the ring he registered a vigorous kick to the club officials, declaring that he wasn't hired to commit a murder and wouldn't take chances punching a chap who ought to be in a hospital.

But after much persuasion Harris yielded and the gong rang. McCoy, who all through the heated argument had been sitting mute in his corner, flitted across the ring with a sinister grin on his sallow visage, skipped lightly out of range of his opponent's right swing, feinted him into another lead, whipped a lightning left hook to the jaw—and Mr. Harris hit the floor for a count that might just as well have lasted half an hour, so far as he was concerned, for it was fully that length of time before he was able to utter a word. Appearances are surely deceptive, sometimes.

"The bigger they are, why the harder they fall"
Is an old prize ring adage accepted by all,
For you can't always tell, there may lurk a surprise
In a dynamite package of medium size!

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FIGHTERS of today who perform with big, soft gloves, with bouts restricted to a distance of fifteen rounds, with every precaution taken to guard them from serious injury, and substantial money rewards for their exertions, are certainly in luck. That is when you compare present boxing conditions with what oldtimers are fond of calling—"the good old times." Here's an example, the fight between heavyweights Joe Weeden and Jim Walker.

In October, 1887, these men met with bare knuckles under London Prize Ring rules at Silver Grove, New Jersey, to fight to a finish. The thermometer registered below zero at the start of hostilities. In round 70 both men were exhausted and nearly blind from the punishment administered, when the sheriff and his aids raided the crowd, and the battle broke up in an awful free-for-all medley. The two fighters escaped in boats across the Hudson River.

In Sunny California

By Harry Winkler

THE old dope bucket is still being kicked around out here in California. It is getting so that the real "upsets" are when the favorites win. The defeats of Bobby Yaeger by Moore, Ben Evans by Fields, Max Hutchins by Augustain, Speedy Cabanella by Escobar, Walter Hafer by Donnelly, and Al Medrano by Jackson were really surprises. The winners were from 3 to 6-to-1 short-enders.

And hardly a week passes but what one of our most promising youngsters is knocked off his pedestal. Among the good prospects to suffer defeat during the past month were Morris Corona, Max Hutchins, Tony Bosnich, Johnny Eaton and Emory Jackson. However, the three best prospects of our state, Jerry McSwain, Jess Flores and Fabela Chavez, have still survived the "upset" epidemic.

Frank Sinatra's crooning must have soothed Ray Brown's savage breast. (Sinatra is the possessor of Brown's contract.) In winning a close 10-round decision over Don Lee at Hollywood Stadium, the classy Negro boxer did not display the spirit and determination he has shown in his other California bouts. Brown looked like the 3-to-1 favorite that he was, in the first couple of rounds, but slowed down under Lee's incessant attack.

By the end of the seventh, the aggressive Nebraskan had winged enough blows to the body to be out in front. Brown speeded up in the eighth and ninth, to win both rounds, and really turned on the heat in the final frame to cinch the victory. Ray landed the hardest blow of the fight in the late seconds of the bout, a right to the jaw, that almost spilled Don. Brown weighed 145, Lee 147.

In the semi, Eddie Prince, 133, Detroit Negro, used Raul Bustamante, 134, Mexico, for a punching-bag, to win by a T.K.O. in the fifth round.

In the prelims, Jimmy Shans, 142, stopped Virgil Door, 149, (3); Darnell Carter, 132, was voted the nod over Ramon Alva, 129, (4); Wallace Batie, 144, K.O.'ed Ray Lewis, 139, (2); Art Diaz, 136, iced Ray Jiminez, 134, (1).

Based on performances of both in recent months, Max Hutchins, rugged, hard hitting Negro, figured to beat Frankie Augustain, in their 10-round clash at San Diego Coliseum. So, Augustain whips Hutchins. It was a torrid scrap in which Frankie surprised by holding his own at the in-fighting with Hutchins—which is rarely done—and then outboxed Max at long range to win six of the rounds.

Both received much punishment. Augustain was staggered in the sixth and had his left eye closed in the eighth. Hutchins was groggy in the eighth. Augustain weighed 158, Hutchins 153.

Other results: Bob Shipman, San Diego Negro heavyweight, decisioned Tommy Gunns of Colorado, in six rounds of slugging; Charley Salas nodded Chick Musgrove, in six; Joe Silva won over Fali Villegas in four; Joe Nevares outpointed Bobby Rascon in the opener.

John Thomas may not be able to milk a cow, play the violin, or do card tricks, but 9,000 Los Angeles boxing fans will vouch for his versatility. They saw the clever Negro jab, hook, upper-cut and cross, duck, slip, sidestep and spin an opponent for nine straight rounds. Thomas garnered all 10 heats, but did not unloosen this variety of fisticuffs in the opening round and won the first frame by only a shade.

The unwilling subject of this fistic exhibition was Frankie Moore of Oakland. Moore was kept as busy defending himself as a woodland nudist without a mosquito net. Frankie's continual efforts to park his lethal right on John's jaw kept both Thomas and the crowd more than mildly interested. However, it was the Los Angeles boxer that came closest to scoring knockdowns, John rocking the Oaklander on numerous occasions with right hand uppercuts. Thomas weighed 138, Moore 135.

In the six-round semi, Junior Washington, 165, San Diego Negro southpaw, easily outpointed Francis Ogg, 170, Sacramento.

In remaining bouts, Marshall Nance, 164, chilled John Keary, 169, in the first heat; Sammy Williams, 129, decisioned Earl Maynard, 131, in four fast rounds; Duncan Curry, 170, and Henderson High, 174, drew in four; Vince Padilla, 129, nodded Vince Valenzuela, 132, in the curtain-raiser.

John Donnelly, former Kansas City Negro, surprised the wise 'uns and upped his stock considerably by punching out a win over Walter Hafer, burly blond of Washington, D. C. There were no knockdowns in this ten-rounder, staged at the Ocean Park Arena, but both received eye cuts. Donnelly weighed 189, Hafer 206.

In supporting bouts, Sammy Williams, 131, classy Negro protege of Young Peter Jackson, defeated Ramon Alva, 127, Texas, in the four-round semi; Jay Wall, 156, stopped Red Terry, 157, in two; Clyde Bowman, 170, decisioned Jimmy Smith, 168, in four; Luis Adame, 120, T.K.O.'ed Bobby Molina, 116, in the second; Bee Jiminez, 122, and Len Marquez, 125, drew in four.

The biggest upset of the month in this area was Alfredo Escobar whipping Speedy Cabanella, in an exciting ten-rounder at the Hollywood Stadium. It was a case of the lamb devouring the lion. After Escobar's pathetic showing against Fabela Chavez, the frail-looking youngster was considered perfect for the highly-touted Filipino champion. But the intended victim was a far different Escobar on this night. The 4-to-1 underdog made the best fight of his career.

Escobar weathered a terrific body bombardment to outlast the bullnecked Filipino. Both became arm weary from the terrific battle they waged, but it was the baby-faced Mexican who had the most to offer in the stretch. Although Cabanella packed the heavier punch, it was Alfredo who came closest to scoring a knockdown, rocking Speedy on numerous occasions. Escobar copped five of the rounds, Speedy led in three, two were even. Escobar weighed 126, Cabanella 123.

In the six-round semi, Acey Haynesworth, 171, Los Angeles Negro, decisioned Francis Ogg, 171, Sacramento. Ogg was spilled for 9 in the third.

In the four-rounders, Nick Diaz, 128, nodded Charley Johnson, 126; Emory Jackson, 161, bested Henry Rich, 159; Billy Mayfield, 156, outpointed Frankie Calzo, 158; Marshall Nance, 162, defeated Cupid Gordon, 162.

Things are getting tougher for Rusty Payne these days. The lethal-punching Negro used to keep in porkchops just by hitting his opponents once or twice, but lately his foes have been sticking around longer and punching back. Sometimes they even climb off the floor and go the full ten rounds, just as Harry Wills, Negro gamester of South Bend, Ind., did in a spirited scrap at the San Diego Coliseum.

Wills was decked out for 8 in the third, but came off the floor and kept the fighting close for the next four rounds. Harry then ran out of gas and Payne copped the last three frames by wide margins, but Rusty had to be content with a decision win. Payne weighed 181, Wills 180.

In another scheduled 10-rounder, Francis Ogg, 170, Sacramento, disposed of Titus Hawkins, San Diego Negro, in the seventh. It was a slug-fest, in which Ogg himself was almost decked numerous times before he dealt out the sleeping potion to Titus. A right to the jaw did it.

In two prelims, Mark Curtis K.O.'ed Frankie Kidd in round one, and Beto Arce did it to Pat Provencio in the third.

With apologies to Robert Valli, San Francisco RING correspondent, I take the liberty of reporting on the San Jose boxing situation. The trip to San Jose with Jackie McCoy, was my first visit to that city. And was I impressed! It is a beautiful little city with the finest class of people to be found anywhere. The ring setup in the City Auditorium makes it one of the classiest little arenas on the Coast.

Promoter Jimmie Fitten is sure doing a grand job. When Fitten took over, three months ago, the club was drawing around $1,200, and not operating regularly at that. Fitten has increased those gates until now the shows average $4,000, and he operates every week. So, it goes without saying, as to the type of programs Jimmie has been putting on.

The Jackie McCoy-Speedy Cabanella bout grossed $4,300. It ended in a sensational draw and they are rematched. It is thought that the return go will do $6,500 or better. There are a dozen cities in California larger than San Jose, but only three of them can top Jimmy Fitten's gates.

Dencio Cabanella, 150, veteran Filipino battler of Honolulu, floored Don Lemos, 148, Los Angeles Mexican, seven times to win by a T.K.O. in the ninth round at Fresno. For four rounds it was all Lemos, as he jabbed, hooked and upper-cutted his slow moving foe. Then Don tired and the plodding Filipino took over from there on.

Becoming enraged over a low blow in the eighth, Cabanella commenced winging with a vengeance and Lemos went down four times during the round. Dencio tore out in the ninth to finish it—and did. Lemos was decked three times more and the one-sided affair was stopped.

In the semi, Sonny Hill, 135, Los Angeles Negro, punched out a win over Hammo Kazarian, 138, San Francisco, in a give-and-take six-rounder. Hill floored the Armenian gamester three times in the first two rounds, but, was himself spilled for a 9-count in the second.

(Results of the remaining prelims were not sent me. The reader should mail all complaints to an Irishman in Fresno named Billy Mahoney.)

Watson Jones is out of the doghouse! The dusky playboy, given another chance to get back in the good graces of Los Angeles boxing fans, got down to business and punched out a win over Tommy Garland, in a ten-rounder at the Olympic. Most of the time in recent months, Jones has been "doing just what comes naturally", which doesn't include hard training or serious fighting.

In this bout, Jones was out to dispose of Garland and came close to doing it in the first two rounds. Tommy, making his big club debut, boxed nicely to cop the next three frames, but tired in the sixth and Watson clouted the Culver City cutie around in the seventh. Garland was both tired and timid during the final three heats and played it safety first. Jones could have won just by waltzing from there on, but no siree, Watson was on trial and he kept on pitching to the final bell. Jones weighed 173, Garland 182.

The six-round semi, a hotly contested setto between Bernardo Ramirez, 134, Mexico, and Dixie Fleming, 138, Los Vegas, Nev., Negro, was voted a draw, although Ramirez clearly earned the nod.

Other results: Morris Corona, 144, K.O.'ed Virgil Door, 148, (1); Freddie Beshore, 188, eliminated Horace Thompson, 183, (2); Emory Jackson, 157, beat Wilson Mackey, 158, (4); Bill McClure, 190, T.K.O.'ed Jack Glover, 206, (4).

Come-backs are awfully tough chores. Toby Vigil, handsome Los Angeles Mexican, one of the best out here five years ago, made the effort last month—and failed. Vigil was K.O.'ed by Al Erwin, Minneapolis southpaw, in the fifth round at the Ocean Park Arena.

For three rounds, Vigil gave the awkward Erwin a boxing lesson. Toby slowed down in the fourth and was nailed with an overhand left to the jaw just before the bell, that put him down for a 9-count. He was still in a fog when he came out for the fifth, and when Erwin hit him again, the bout was halted. Each weighed 135.

Other results: Chuck Cureton, 137, stopped Johnny Chavez, 139 (1); Charley Salas, 144, K.O.'ed Wallace Batie, 143, (4); Owen Smith, 168, decisioned Les Arterbridge, 161, (4); Clyde Coyhis, 148, iced Del Campo Provost, 150, (1); Eddie Warren, 126, nodded Steve Rosas, 130, (4).

Fabela Chavez romped to an easy win over Lou Bernal in a ten-rounder at the Hollywood Stadium. Bernal scored with some long rights to the head occasionally and put on a two-fisted offensive in the ninth that excited the 4-to-1 shortened takers, but Lou was not credited with a round.

When the speedy Chavez put on his spurts he gave his opponent a terrific shellacking. It was at infighting that Fabela dealt out the punishment, causing his outclassed foe to clinch. Bernal's left eye was swollen as large as an egg at the finish. Chavez weighed 130, Bernal 127.

In the semi, Jimmy Martin, 171, Glendale, chalked up an impressive win in stopping Willie Johnson, 168, Los Angeles Negro, in the third round. It was a right to the jaw that did the trick.

In the prelims, Spencer Coleman, 154, whipped Malcolm Smith, 153, in a four, after being spilled in the first; Dario Barron, 137, decisioned Bernardino Ramirez, 131, in four; Wallace Batie, 140, stopped Billy Mitchell, 139, in the third; Bee Jiminez, 120, and Luis Adame, 119, drew.

George Millich, Sacramento, left-handed his way to a decisive win over Eddie Reed, Fresno Negro, in a 10-rounder at Fresno. It was Millich's fast left paw that scored the points, but it was George's fast feet that really brought him in the winner. The fleshy Fresnoan forced the milling throughout, swinging hard in the hopes of scoring a kayo, but the Sacramento boxers "let's run" feet kept Reed missing.

The portly Negro connected with a haymaker in the 9th, causing Millich to clinch, and Reed parked a few rights on George's chops in the 10th, but Millich had already garnered six of the heats and was far out in front. Millich was outweighed by 42 pounds, coming in at 178, with Reed testing the scales at 220.

In supporting bouts, Hammo Kazarian, 138, San Francisco, punched Vic Jade, 136, Cleveland, out of the picture in the fourth round of the semi; Bill Neyland, 150, San Francisco, won by T.K.O. over Brown, in the first round. Brown made no attempt to fight and was tossed out of the ring by the ref. Marce Totor disposed of Gilbert Gonzales, 126, in the opening round; Erskine Howell, 148, K.O.'ed Young Sanchez, 144, in round two.

Without trying very hard, Eddie Hudson, 133, San Francisco, stopped Dixie Fleming, 137, Las Vegas (Nev.), in the sixth round at the San Diego Coliseum. Fleming, a substitute for Mike Delia, was outclassed and the bout was a drab affair for Hudson wasn't mad at anyone but Delia. Bleeding from nose and mouth, Dixie went down twice in the sixth, once from a punch. Referee Lee Ramage halted it.

Bill McClure, Minneapolis Negro heavy, won by a T.K.O. over Tommy Gunns of Phoenix (Ariz.), in the fourth of the semi. Gunns claimed an injured hand and did not answer the bell. McClure had been decked three times in the opening round, but came back to floor Gunns for nine in the second heat.

Fali Villegas and Joe Silva drew in six; Joe Nevarez and Len Marquez were even at end of four; Flash Gordon decisioned Reyes Madero in four.

The boxing game has a number of shady characters, as is the case in every sport. We, in California, have our share of them, but, in Los Angeles, there is a species that merits special attention. It is the character assassin who spreads

malicious stories against the men whom he dislikes. The falsehoods that he whispers are of so vicious a nature that they might well cause a whole group of men, or many members of one race, to become angered, or, at least lose all respect for the person accused.

And the regrettable part of it is, that none of the men to whom these stories are told will expose the informer. Even though many of them do not believe these yarns, they will not divulge the name of the whisperer, so that the slanderous termite could be properly dealt with.

Georgie Fields, promising Los Angeles Negro boy, has heard all about Mr. Opportunity knocking but once, so, he was all ready when Ol' Opportunity called. Fields was given a main-event with Ben Evans of Oklahoma City and delivered by copping the ten-round decision at the Ocean Park Arena, thereby adding to the many local upsets, as well as prestige to himself. Evans received cuts over his right eye and on his forehead. Fields weighed 147.

In other bouts, Freddie Beshore, 189, bested Carlton Perry, 210, in four-round semi; Wallace Batie, 143, decisioned Flash Gordon, 145, in four; Billy King, 158, nodded Chick Musgrove, 156; Len Marquez, 126, and Baby Hernandez, 125, boxed a draw; George Soliz, 144, K.O.'ed Tony Jackson, 140, in the third.

There may be gamer guys than Juan Leanos of Mexico, but I would not know where. I may have seen tougher fighters, but I don't remember when. This slender Mexican youth was on the receiving end of an unmerciful beating for ten straight rounds, yet, it was his opponent, Carlos Chavez, who gave ground. Although staggered, weak and dazed, he would not go down, clinch or back up. Leanos made this display of unconquerable spirit at the Los Angeles Olympic.

Chavez started fast at opening bell and when he found Leanos easy to hit, Carlos went all out for a knockout win. And Chavez almost punched himself out of steam in trying to finish a foe who seemed as immune to punishment as a subway commuter. Chavez punched fast, hard and often to win all ten heats, although some of the rounds were close because of Juan's aggressiveness and blows to the body.

Leanos came closest to being floored in the final round, but although weak and groggy, and bleeding from nose, mouth and an eye cut, he was still fighting back at the final bell. The Mexican visitor was given a tremendous ovation for his display of courage. Each weighed 129.

In the semi, Garfield Coleman, 158, won by a T.K.O. in the fourth over Billy (Gunner) Mitchell, 163. Coleman closed Mitchell's right eye and the club doctor would not allow Billy to come out for the fifth.

In the four-rounders, Phil Cobos, 165, whipped Gaston Miller, 168; Les Arterbridge, 160, defeated Ray Moore, 166; Chuck Cureton, 136, outpointed Leo McCormick, 136; Alex Salazar, 127, bested Ramiro Lopez, 128.

Dave Hernandez, San Bernardino, handed Little Giant, Buffalo (N.Y.), Negro, another setback, lacing the muscled mite in a rousing 10-rounder at the San Diego Coliseum. Giant won only the first two rounds. Hernandez had the tiny Negro groggy in both the 5th and 6th rounds. They slugged it out on even terms all during the 7th, after which Giant tired badly. Hernandez was credited with five rounds, three being even. Each weighed 125.

Other results: Chick Musgrove floored Flash Gordon seven times to win the six-round semi; Charley Salas decisioned Joe Silva in six; Chuck Cureton and Irving Steen drew in four; Ishmael Hannefan nodded Limey Paltridge in four; Genero Vallez iced Joe Coostabel in the first heat.

A bout between Bobby Jackson and Al Medrano at the Hollywood Stadium was halted in the 8th round and declared a "no-decision" contest by Referee Charley Randolph. However, Randolph blamed only Medrano, recommending that Jackson be paid his purse and that only Medrano be suspended. It seems that he should also have recommended that the Commission award Jackson the official decision, since Bobby made his best efforts and had all the best of the affair.

It was probably Jackson's two-fisted attack in the opening round that reminded Medrano of the old proverb "He who runs away—", for, it would have taken a greyhound to catch Al after that first heat. He retreated continually, stopping only long enough to jab or hook lightly with a left, despite the urging of both crowd and referee. Jackson overtook his backpedaling opponent on a few occasions and twice spilled Medrano for one-counts. Jackson fought at 127, Medrano ran at 128.

In a sizzling six-round semi, Jimmy Shans, 142, Los Angeles Negro, handed Morris Corona, 143, Port Arthur (Tex.), his first defeat as a pro. Shans was spilled once, but piled up points in the late rounds to get the nod.

In remaining prelims, Alex Childs, 151, stopped Gene Loughridge, 153 (1); Bernardo Ramirez, 131, defeated Darnell Carter, 132 (4); Wilson Mackey, 159, decisioned Johnny Hunt, 159 (4); Bee Jiminez, 121, nodded Bobby Molina, 116 (4).

The clever boys may outbox him, but put a slugger in with Sheik Rangel and in most cases, the Fresno toughie will emerge the winner. Dencio Cabanella, hard-punching Filipino of Honolulu, is that type of fighter, and against him, Rangel made the best scrap he has waged this year.

It was a blistering setto, with both battlers being staggered numerous times. Rangel outhit the tough Filipino 3 to 1, and was credited with 7 of the 10 rounds, but Dencio was still plodding in at the final bell and appeared capable of going another ten heats. Rangel weighed 152, Cabanella 149.

In the semi, Jack Huber, 201, San Francisco, won by T.K.O. over Eddie Reed, 220, Fresno Negro, in the fifth. Reed's left eye was swollen closed and the referee prevented him from coming out for the final round.

Other results: George Smith, 155, K.O.'ed Rocky Clark, 156, in round one; Erskin Howell, 150, outslugged George Maddox, 151, in four; Mickey Wallace, 147, won the nod over Freddie Wallen, 152, in the opener.

Billy Smith's split with the man who had guided him to his present prominence, might not have had anything to do with Smith's showing against Bobby Zander at the Los Angeles Olympic. Then again, maybe it did. It was the Oaklander's first start under new management, and the poorest fight that he has made in this ring. However, I do not mean to take any credit from Zander, who made his best fight in months.

Smith was awarded the decision in this 12-rounder, which was for the state 175-pound title, but the bout was plenty close and the verdict was not a popular one. Zander was dropped for a 7-count in the second, but came off the floor to back Smith around the ring. Bobby won the next three rounds on aggressiveness, but tired in the 6th. Zander's left eye was closed in the 8th and he missed badly in the late rounds, with Smith going into the lead.

In the semi, Mario Trigo, 134, San Antonio (Tex.), punched out a win over Dixie Fleming, 137, Las Vegas (Nev.), in the six-round semi. Trigo decked his Negro foe in the opening frame.

In other bouts, Henry Rich, 163, upset the dope and Emery Jackson, 159, in a four-rounder; Earl Maynard, 129, stiffened Ramiro Lopez, 128, in the second. Owen Smith, 170, defeated Shorty Morgan, 169, in four; Bob Hawkins, 170, won by a T.K.O. over Bob Taylor, 174, in two, when the latter retired because of an injury to his shoulder.

Arthur (Duke) Holloway is fast acquiring one of the best stable of fighters working out of Los Angeles. His best boxers are Bobby Zander, 175, Max Hutchins, 155, John Donnelly, 185, Harold Dade, 124, Dario Barron, 135, and Chuck Cureton, 135. Zander, Hutchins and Donnelly, are all crowd-pleasing main-eventers. Dade is not being featured at the bigger clubs only because most of the California featherweights want no part of him. Barron and Cureton are winning regularly and nearing main-event prestige.

"Watkins the winner," announced Dan Tobey from the Hollywood Stadium ring after reading the slips of Referee Frankie Van and both judges, at the end of a 10-rounder between Kenny Watkins and Jack Chase. However, the betting guys who had to pay off on that announcement must have been sick babies when they read the papers next morning, for, it was revealed that the decision was in error.

One judge had erroneously circled the name of Watkins, although he had Chase ahead by 3 points. And as the other judge had voted for Jack, it really made Chase the winner. The contest, a fourth duel between two clever boxers, had been very close. Many thought that Chase had the edge because of shaking Kenny up with numerous rights to the jaw. Others figured Watkins' greater number of left jabs earned him the nod. This scribe tabbed it close enough to have been a draw. Chase weighed 164, Watkins 161.

(Should the wording in the first paragraph give the reader any impression that the writer was sympathetic toward the misfortune of the gamblers in question—perish the thought. Would that it could happen often enough.)

In the semi, Bob Castro, 152, Los Angeles, won a close decision over Edgar Robinson, 154, Phoenix (Ariz.). Castro almost decked Edgar in the 4th, but Robinson finished fast to almost even the score by the end of the sixth.

In four-rounders, Wilford Scott, 139, K.O.'ed Art Diaz, 134, in the third; Alex Childs, 151, and Del Campo Provost, 151, were called even; Les Arterbridge, 157, whipped Red Terry, 156; Bob Taylor, 175, decisioned Bob Hawkins, 170.

A few days after the above recorded fight, the Athletic Commission met to act on the decision. But, instead of reversing it, they sustained it, as the judge (Mushy Callahan) responsible for the mix-up stated that it wasn't the wrong name he circled. He said it was a case of crediting the three points to the wrong name, that he meant those points to be for Watkins. Hmmmm.

(It seems that California and Florida compete in everything. The Alligator State boxing officials have been juggling decisions around for months.)

George Millich of Sacramento, is just another "pain in the tummy" to Buddy Holzhauer of El Monte. Millich's knockout over Holzhauer in the third round at Fresno, was due to his good boxing and sharp punching, as far as he, the referee and the small crowd was concerned. But Buddy will lay it to his old ailment. Every year or two, Holzhauer makes a "comeback," but almost always loses by a kayo because of this stomach disorder, whether real or imaginary. Millich weighed 178, Holzhauer 193.

(Memo to Holzhauer:—I can sympathize with you, Buddy. We have something in common. I have used a stomach ailment as an alibi for my poor writing and "sour puss" expression for the past five years.)

In the six-round semi, Jack Huber, 201, San Francisco, punched out a close decision over Jess Hall, 183, Seattle Negro. Both are heavy hitters and it was a rugged battle.

Other results: Emory Jackson, 157, Los Angeles Negro, defeated George Smith, 155, Fresno (4); Erskin Howell, 150, Fresno, iced Joe Novoa, 146, Bakersfield (3); Julian Carallo stopped Gil Gonzales (2).

Francisco (Pancho) De La Cruz, Los Angeles heavyweight, is back home from a successful campaign in southern rings. Manager Frankie Garcia booked Cruz over the circuit in which Frankie, then a topnotch featherweight, was so popular 25 years ago. Pancho had one loss that both he and his mentor are pleased over—a matter of some thirty pounds. At 210, Pancho appears streamlined compared to the roly-poly heavy that left for the east.

An injured right hand was given as a reason for Johnny Eaton's T.K.O. loss to Kenny Watkins at the Ocean Park Arena. Could be! But this corner believes that Kenny's educated left paw had more to do with the Detroiter's defeat than Johnny's injured maulie. The bout was stopped at the end of the eighth. Watkins weighed 157, Eaton 154.

In supporting bouts, Chuck Cureton, 135, defeated Fidel Aguilar, 137, in four-round semi; Darnell Carter, 133, iced Lee Walker, 135, in the first heat; Henry Evaro, 116, won by T.K.O. over Bobby Molina, 115, in round one; Clyde Bowman, 174, decisioned Henderson High, 171, in four; Shorty Morgan, 168, nodded Owen Smith, 170, in four.

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IN SAN FRANCISCO RINGS

By ROBERT VALLI

PROMOTER BENNY FORD presented a sellout card at the Coliseum Bowl when he pitted Benny Calla, Oakland's miniature Graziano, and Tony Rodriquez, San Francisco's fast-rising youngster, in the main-go. Calla walked off with a rather surprising ten-round decision in a slightly one-sided contest.

The card broke the record of cash money for the Coliseum, when it hit $6,533.30. Weights were Calla, 136½, Rodriquez, 135½.

In the semi-final, Buddy Jacklich, 132, Mission district favorite, smacked Jimmy Haller, 137, Oakland Negro, around to win a technical knockout. Other results: Alex Amador, 138, outpointed Rudy Salazar, 141, in four; Robert Smith, 158, drew with Eddie Grantano, 150½, in four; Marce Totor, 122, outpointed Orville Young, 124½, in the opener.

Juan Leanos, newcomer from Mexico, proved to be a very capable youngster by stopping Sammy Anders, Texas Negro boy, in six rounds at San Jose's Civic Auditorium. Weights were Leanos 130, Anders 128.

Far out in front for seven rounds, Earl Turner, popular Oakland favorite, slugged through the eighth with Paul Lewis, Oakland Negro war champ, and collapsed after the bell had sounded ending the round. Turner, a crowd pleaser, fought himself out in the earlier rounds. He came to in quick order and left the ring without aid.

Lewis, like his foe, is a gamecock and was outclassed in the early rounds but fought back hard to win the referee's verdict, a T.K.O., when Turner collapsed. Weights were Lewis 156½, Turner 150.

Prelims—Bobby Ferris, 154, transplanted Los Angeles Negro, won over Top Row Allen, 156, local Negro, in six rounds. Vepe Watson, 157½, outpointed Butch O'Hara, 148, in four. Wayne Sheppard, 136, drew with Oscar Smith, 136, in four rounds.

The fans turned out in force to see their pride and joy, Tony Chavez, classy comer, win a ten-round decision over nationally-known Jimmy Joyce, Eastern Negro, in a fast fight at San Jose. Tony scaled 138, Joyce 138.

Georgie Duke, Petaluma gamester, fought a draw with Gene Cartwright, Negro from Ohio, in eight rounds at National Hall. It was a good bout. Duke had previously won a nod over the Negro lad. Weights were Duke 159, Cartwright 156.

In the semi-final Larry Carter, brother of Cartwright, weighing 160, scored a kayo over substituting Paul Kaylor, 151, in one round. Kaylor, fighting in his first pro bout, was outclassed. Other results: Al Haman, 166, stopped Terry Wilson, 164, in two rounds; Butch O'Hara, 148, drew with Willie Mayberry, 150, in four rounds; Marce Totor, 122, outclassed Orville Young, 125, in four.

Sal Perea, Mexican welter, proved to be main-event material by blasting out Bobby Davis, Oakland Negro warrior, in the top-tenner at the

Coliseum Bowl. The end came in the seventh from a volley of blows to the jaw. Both scaled 151.

Billy Gibson, 130½, local Negro, who has been winning regularly added Joe Borjon, 131, Stockton, brother of Jesse Flores, to his list by stopping him in the ninth round.

In the opening tenner, a slugfest between Babe Picazo, 134, a rough battler, and Frankie Yannes, 130, Stockton boy, ended in the sixth with Picazo winning a technical knockout.

Pat Valentino, San Francisco's top heavyweight, scored an easy and rather dull win over Wee Willie Williams, durable Negro from Detroit, by a technical knockout in eight rounds at Sacramento's L St. Arena. Williams weighed 179, Valentino scaled 185.

In the semifinal, Alex Amador, 135, won the decision over Rudy Salazar, 138, in six rounds. Amador, a dandy prospect, is unbeaten and should be seen in semis at all the bigger clubs.

The new Filipino sensation of California, Speedy Cabanello, a fast-stepping featherweight, made his Northern California debut by kayoing Chico Garces, Mexican lad, in two rounds at San Jose's Civic Auditorium.

Cabanello made a big hit with the fans and they want to see him again. Weights: Speedy 124, Garces 125.

Bud Christman, 129, San Francisco's classy featherweight, returned to the ring after a temporary layoff and flattened Sid Hitchens, 126, Los Angeles, in four rounds.

Youthful Bobby Zander, Texas Negro, gained a hard-fought ten-round decision over Jack Hannan Porter, Oakland Negro crowd-pleaser, in the main-go at Oakland. Zander scaled 186, Porter weighed in at 176.

In a companion tenner, Frankie Gimbel, 151½, likely looking local middleweight, was far out in front of his bout with Lincoln Stanley, 152, Oakland Negro trial-horse, when he accidentally pushed Stanley away and the latter fell out of the ring and was unable to continue. The referee called the bout a draw. The odd occurrence came in the ninth round.

Other results: Ray Stevens, 198, a good-looking heavyweight prospect, blotted out A. D. Grant, 202, in the first. It was Stevens' third straight one-round knockout. Maxie Ankele, 137, K.O.'ed Oscar Smith, 134½, in two sessions. Cy Perkins, 152, outpointed Willie Parker, 158, in four.

Willie Brown, fast-rising local Negro, scored a knockout over young Johnny Ebarb, Oaklander, in three rounds at National Hall.

Ebarb, who has failed badly in trying to live up to his service record, was easy prey for the heavy-hitting Negro. Weights, Brown 188, Ebarb 183.

Prelims: Jess Slocum, 174, had his K. O. string halted as he was held to a draw with Smiley Burnett, 174, in four. Al Haman, 167, unbeaten, stopped Terry Wilson, 168, easily in one. Butch O'Hara, 147, won over Ward Jenkins, 147, in four. Alex Amador, 136, unbeaten and a comer, won over Jimmy (Kid) Haller, 138, Oakland Negro, in four.

San Francisco fans have a new idol! He's Jerry McSwain, young New Orleans Irishman, who fought a free-swinging ten-rounder with Tony Bosnich, local ex-All City footballer, and won the decision at the Coliseum Bowl.

McSwain, who had previously licked Willie Brown, has plenty of ability though he has had only nine pro fights. He showed it in licking tough Tony. Jerry had his foe on queer street in the third, eighth and ninth to punch out the clear decision. McSwain weighed 185, Bosnich 186.

In the undercard: Julius Menendez, 146, an unbeaten San Jose boy with plenty on the ball, knocked out Gene Thomas, 147, in one round. Eddie Russey, 150, decisioned George (Slugger) Maddox, 151, in four. Butch O'Hara, 146, and Billy Mayberry, 146, went to a draw. Ward Jenkins, 145½, defeated Billy Wilson, 139, in four. And Billy Neyland, 151, K.O.'ed Gene Cartwright, 157, in the third round.

Eddie Prince, crowd-thriller deluxe, scored an upset ten-round win over Benny Calla, Oakland's newest sensation, at the Oakland Auditorium.

The boys put on a wild brawl, throwing leather throughout without a letup. The nod to Prince was popular. Weights were: Prince 136, Calla 137.

In the semi-final, Paul Blanks, New Orleans middleweight, and Georgie Duke, Petaluma gamester, put forth a rough sixer which resulted in a draw. In another six, Al Calderon, Los Angeles lad, stopped Billy Harrison, local Negro welter, in the fifth. In the opener, Johnny O'Neill, fast-rising light-heavyweight, won over Dave Millar, unbeaten Los Angeles youngster, in four.

In a substitute card at National Hall, the Cartwright brothers, Larry and Gene, walked off with wins. In the top spot, Larry, who fights under the name of Carter, 156, decisioned Ran Jackson, 160, Los Angeles Negro, in six rounds. Larry finished strong to get the ref's nod.

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In the other co-headliner, Gene scored two knockdowns over Bobby Silva, good Oaklander, in the first and closed his rival's eye and cut his lip to win by a technical knockout in the third round. Gene weighed 157, Silva 156.

Prelim results: Alex Amador, 137, again decisioned Jimmy Haller, 139, in four rounds. Cy Perkins, 151, surprised by stopping Bob Wyman, 150, in three rounds. Speedy Cannon, 159, T.K.O.'ed Willie Butler, 153, on a cut eye in the second round. Chuck Lane, 137, won over Vic Castro, 135, in four rounds.

Former New York state middleweight champion, Fred Apostoli, made his comeback to ring wars after a stretch in the Navy. Apostoli, thirty-three years old and out of pro action for four years, made his return to the squared circle a success by knocking out Pedro Jiminez, Vallejo trial-horse, in four rounds at the Coliseum Bowl.

A capacity crowd turned out to see their old favorite outclass Jiminez at will. Fred could have won in the opening session, but it seemed he wanted to test himself in letting Pedro stay around for awhile. Trim at 158, the ex-champ and bellhop who won Nat Fleischer's award as "Outstanding Boxer of the Year" in 1943, looked good in all departments such as footwork, feinting, stabbing, blocking, hooking, etc. Jiminez weighed 160.

In the undercard: Julius Menendez, 147½, unbeaten San Jose lad, kayoed Jimmy Simmons, 151, in two rounds. Eddie Russey, 150, won over Bobby Wyman, 157, in four. Chuck Lane, 136, fine-looking newcomer, blasted Don Pirrone, 140, into submission in two rounds. Larry Carter, 156, who headlines one night, semis the next, and then boxes a four—all in one week, outscored Bobby Jones, 148½, Oakland Negro, to win in four. Jimmy Rock, 186, a Newman-Herman product, was plenty impressive in kayoing Cecil Oliver, 176, in two rounds.

Frank Moore, popular Oakland Negro slugger, proved once and for all that when he's in his fighting mood, he's as good as a champion. Moore, a hard-hitter and good boxer, knocked the big-time aspirations out of Bobby Yaeger, a neat looking lightweight Negro from Los Angeles, when he finished off the clever crowd-pleaser in four rounds at the Oakland Auditorium.

Both boys staged a war from the opening gong. Both were hurt and when Moore gets tagged and stung, then you've got to watch out! The Oaklander set sail and battered Yaeger around until kayoing him in the fourth. Weights were Moore 136½, Yaeger 137½.

In the semi-final Charlie Catos, 156, outpointed Bobby Ferris, 151, in six rounds of a mild upset. Ray Stevens, 198, a dandy comer, won a close decision over Johnny O'Neill, 176, in four. Both are rated "goodies" and a draw wouldn't have robbed anyone. Maxie Ankele, 139, won over Joe Kelly, 139, in four. Harry Albritton, 145, Guido Giometti's good welter, fought his first fight since his discharge and defeated Ward Jenkins, 146½, in the opening four rounder.

Georgie Duke, Petaluma gamester, won a ten-round decision over Cleve Kelly, Oakland Negro, in easy fashion at National Hall.

Duke floored his foe early in the contest and romped on to win a rather one-sided nod. Duke scaled 152, Kelly 155.

In the semi-final, Jess Slocum, 168, drew with Smiley Burnett, 175, in a rematch sixer. Obie Wooten, 167, stopped previously unbeaten Al Haman, 165, in two rounds. Chuck Lane, 134, hard-hitting Negro, won over Ward Jenkins, 140, in four rounds.

SHORT JABS: Promoter Benny Ford has brought along many local lads into top attractions. Among them there are Vic Grupico, Jess Flores, Pat Valentino, Tony Rodriquez, Sal Perea, Willie Brown, Tony Bosnich, Jerry McSwain, and others. Ford is really putting 'Frisco on the boxing map. During the war, with the shortage of battlers, Ford was forced to use only four bouts on a card. Now he's making up for it by putting on six battles instead of five, which is usual for this area. An orchid to you Benny and lots of luck. . . . Another Filipino battler is here in the Bay Area. He is Star Misamis, a clever rough, tough lightweight, who held the feather, light, and welterweight titles of the Orient. He holds a win over Speedy Cabanello, the current rage of California. . . . Jack Huber, good Los Angeles heavyweight, is training in this area for a return to the ring. He recently was discharged from the Coast Guard. . . . Louie Bell, good Negro welter, an ex-Gob, is still waiting for action around these parts. It seems no one wants any part of him since he licked Bobby Castro. . . . Jess Flores, the talk of the town, and Joe Borjon, his brother, leave soon for a series of bouts in Honolulu. Also leaving for the Islands are Jackie Ryan and Ritchie Shinn. All four will be missed, especially Flores, who has really made a home for himself here. . . . Jack Attell, popular Oakland manager, has sold the contract of Oakland Billy Smith to a Los Angeles business man and Billy will do his fighting in the Southland from now on. . . . Bay Area fans were shocked to hear of the death of popular Frank Schuler, veteran manager, matchmaker and promoter, who passed away from a stroke. . . . Ritchie Shinn, classy lightweight, has been the rage of Honolulu. He has scored three wins in as many starts for Leo Leavitt. Leo wants to pit Shinn against Ike Williams, N.B.A. lightweight boss, in a title match. . . . George Millich, younger brother of Newsboy, is piling one win after another at Fresno, Eureka and Sacramento. Millich should be shown in the big city. . . . Hammo Kazarian, definitely a comer, ran into a snag in his career when he suffered a broken nose at Fresno in his fight with Sonny Hill and will be laid up for a spell. . . . Incidentally, the Hill match was his first defeat. However, many claim Kazarian could have got at least a draw for his efforts. . . . Jimmy Fitten is showing some good fights at San Jose and hasn't missed a week yet as matchmaker. He promotes on Tuesday nights. . . . That's about all for this month. Any comments can be sent to 1910 Mason Street, San Francisco 11, California.

IN YOUNGSTOWN, OHIO

By BILL WALSH

TWO boxing shows were presented in Youngstown in August and one in September. . . . On August 12th, Mike Birskovich, the Niles Dreadnaught, 157, scored a sensational three-round K.O. over Russ Baxter, New Castle, Pa., 159. The first two rounds saw Baxter ahead on points but in the third Baxter elected to slug it out with the Niles entry and Birskovich maneuvered Baxter into a corner and let go with a right hand. Baxter went down, took an eight count and arose groggy. Birskovich came in savagely for the kill, scored twice to the midriff and a right cross to the chin and it was all over. 2500 fans paid a net of $3,856.70.

Johnny Villanova, San Antonio, Tex., 129½, T.K.O.'ed Ossie Peguese, Youngstown, 125, in 2:30 of the third round. Villanova had Peguese on the deck eight times before the referee halted the proceedings. Villanova made a big hit with the fans. Joey Yarosz, 143, Monaca, Pa., decisioned Freddy Bernhardt, Akron, 139¾, in a six. Chris Tabor, stablemate of Birskovich, won over Roy Crews, Ellwood City, both boys weighed 155. Eddie Elton, 165, Akron, decisioned Ben Skelton, 165, Pittsburgh, in a bruising four-rounder, and Ben Franklin, 147, Pittsburgh, scored over Gene Smith, Youngstown, 149, in the opening four. Bill Walsh promoted the show.

On August 27, Sonny Horne, formerly of Niles, O., and now of Valley Stream, L. I., won handily over Irish Mickey Doyle, Cleveland, in ten heats. Al Zill promoted. The show drew 4,000 fans and paid off on $7200. In the prelims, Bill Grombacher, Youngstown, 162, won over Joey Mattis, 163, Pittsburgh, in six. . . . Tommy Brocken, Warren, O., lost to Ben Franklin, Pittsburgh, in four. . . . Pete Spotti, Pittsburgh, 150, K.O.'ed Frankie Janiro, 148, Youngstown, in four. Janiro claimed a foul but it was disallowed. . . . Joe Biro, heavyweight, K.O.'ed Larry Kent of Canton in three. . . . Biro, a Youngstown boy, fought Primo Carnera a three-round bout at Sequals, Italy, during his stay there during the war.

On September 4, Bill Walsh presented Mike Birskovich and Cliff Beckett of Sudbury, Ont., Canada, in the main feature of ten rounds. With little or no help from the local newspaper, the show drew 2,000 customers and paid off on $3,447. . . . The action was fast throughout, first Beckett, then Birskovich had the edge. In the late rounds Birskovich staged a rally that caught the eye of the referee but the two judges split the votes and the record book will call the fight a draw.

Johnny Villanova, San Antonio, Tex., 130, showed again in Youngstown, and this time scored a clean one-round K.O. over Joe LaVarre, Cleveland; Bobby Timpson, 135, Youngstown, looked very good in knocking out Jesse Glynn, Pittsburgh, 137, in five heats. Gene Smith, 149, Youngstown, K.O.'ed George Smith, Youngstown, in two, while Chris Tabor pounded out a four-rounder win over Lou Ogletree, 161, Cleveland, in the opener.

"Pencil jotting"—Mike Birskovich journeyed to Cleveland on August 19, and scored a seven-round K.O. over Irish Billy Walker in a show promoted by Bob Brickeman and Larry Atkins. Joe D'Amato, Youngstown, former National A.A.U. lightweight champ, and now fighting around New York, has scored seven straight wins at this writing, four by K.O.

Idora Park had a successful outdoor season. . . . Personal nomination for Youngstown's most ardent boxing fan, "Punch" Rand. . . . Jimmy Livingston has been appointed to fill the vacancy in the commission left open by the resignation of Herb Petsch. Petsch has left us to go to Detroit. Doc Barnes, senior member of the commission, vacationed in Canada and is now back on the job.

Joe Brusco, Pittsburgh's newest matchmaker, came up with some of the season's best fights at the Zivic Arena in Pittsburgh. . . . Juste Fontaine has scored seven kayoes in his last seven starts. . . . Bobby Timpson, Youngstown lightweight, is back on his winning streak again. . . . Youngstown fistic fans are anticipating a banner indoor season, but one or two obstacles are in the way, namely proper support from the fourth estate and a suitable indoor arena. . . . The writer's address is Ohio Hotel, Youngstown, Ohio.

CONNECTICUT RING NEWS
By DON HAMILL

WITH the outdoor season waning the promoters are already making preparations for an equally-bangup indoor season. The weatherman was unusually good to the promoters running outside but with the start of September the weather commenced to cool and plans to move inside started.

Norwalk—Crystal Arena—Ike Williams, 138, N.B.A. world's lightweight champion of Trenton, N. J., belted out Ivan Christie, 136, Yonkers, N. Y., in a workmanlike manner. Williams jabbed and hooked his way through the first round. In the second he softened Christie up for the payoff punch, a right to the chin. Charley Kennedy, 212, Texas, stopped Bob Taylor, 210, Texas, in the third of a heavy-punching semi-final. Danny Sileo, 127, Stamford, scored a four-round decision over Sammy Raia, 128, New York. Bill Ambrum, 180, Bridgeport, won a four-round decision over Jack Coley, 176, New Jersey. Joe Jennings, 145, Norwalk Negro, scored the opener over Angelo "Cookup" Vento, 148, Westport, in four.

Hartford Auditorium—George Martin, 152½, Boston, retained his New England welterweight title by knocking out George "Red" Doty, 145½, Hartford, in the seventh round of their bout. Doty, weakened by making weight, made no claims to the title when Martin came in overweight. Martin dropped the redhead in the second but had his hands full until the seventh when he scored the knockout. Augie Brett, 130, Hartford, pounded out a six-round decision in the semi-final over Mickey White, 131, Maspeth, L. I. Jennings Brotherton, 136, Boston, stopped Honeyboy Villa, 135, New York, in the final heat of a six-rounder. Jesus Campos, 123, Puerto Rico, got off the deck to kayo Al Girard, 121, Hartford, in the fourth. Al Evans, 145, Newport, R. I., stopped Billy Kearns, 148, Wethersfield, with a cut eye in the first round.

Waterbury—Municipal Stadium—Ernie Griffin, 167, Hartford Negro, won a close ten-round decision over Coolidge Miller, 172, New York Negro, in a bruising scrap. Griffin nearly finished Miller in the first round. Frankie Vigeant, 144½, Waterbury, knocked out his fellow-townsman Bobby Hicks, 153½, Negro, in the seventh of the eight-round semi-windup. Billy Brown, 154½, Manchester, decisioned Floyd "Bat" Stroud, 156, Hartford Negro, in six rounds. Johnny Lizak, 150, Springfield, stopped Norman Stanley, Bridgeport, in three rounds.

Bristol—Muzzy Field—Earl Roys, 118, Bristol, knocked out Don "Sparky" Duquette, 117½, Worcester, Mass., to win the New England bantamweight championship. Roys, a great little battler, was ahead all the way. Earl (Red) Caddick, 145, Bristol, knocked out Jinx Menard, 142, Worcester, in one round. Johnny Bell, 138, New Britain, knocked out Henry (Kid) Briere, 134, Putnam, in three heats.

Hartford Auditorium—Dennis (Pat) Brady, 129½, Bronx, banged out another decision over Steve Kronis, 127, Boston southpaw. This time as in their previous meeting the tough little Boston Greek remained upright although he was on the worst end of a beating. George Dunn, 130, Hartford, looked good in knocking out Al Delmont, 133, Warren, R. I., with a left hook to the body in the second round. Al Girard, 122, Hartford, won a six-round decision over Andy Bishop, 122, Boston. Jennings Brotherton, 137, Boston, outclassed Al Silverman, 140, New York, in another six. Eddie Rodriguez, 165, Norwich, scored a T.K.O. over Ben Brown, 170, Atlanta, when the latter suffered a badly cut eye. Rodriguez was on his way to winning an easy decision over the veteran.

Norwalk—Crystal Arena—Frankie Pucci, 118, Paterson, N. J., was the aggressor in his eight-round bout with Ralph LaSalle, 119, New York, and given the decision. Jimmy Taylor, 160, Stamford, fought an interesting eight-round draw with Clarence Wilkinson, 165, New York. Bill Poland, 205, Bronx, needed only two rounds to finish Joe Thomas, 200, Cleveland, in a third eight. George Greytack, 142½, Bridgeport, got up off the floor twice to stop Dennis McCabe, 140, New York, in the sixth and final heat. Leroy Haines, 142, New York, decisioned Tony Pignatore, 140, Norwalk, in a four-round opener.

Hartford Auditorium—Tony Falco, 142½, Middletown, scored over Davey (Golden Boy) Andrews, 142½, Lowell, Mass., in ten interesting rounds. Falco's peculiar crab-like style baffled Andrews. Frankie Vigeant, 141½, Waterbury, knocked out Archie Derry, 139½, New York, in the third of a scheduled eight. Roy Andrews, 132, Boston, knocked out Charley Kelly, 127, Boston, in a six rounder. Freddy Polowitzer, 134, East Hartford, knocked out Ernie Cabral, 136, New Haven, in the fourth of another six. Kenny Hilton, 134, Hartford Negro, and Joey Dell, 131, New Haven, battled to a draw.

Norwalk—Crystal Arena—Joe DeMartino, 148, Bridgeport, and Ronnie MacDonald, 151, Edmonton, Can., staged a hectic ten-round draw that brought the house down. It was one of the most savagely fought contests held in this state.

Wild Bill Boyd, 158, Bronx, won easily over Dickie Fuller, 162, Norwalk, in the six-round semi-final. Bobby Holt, 146, Danbury, won a six-round decision over Johnny Holmes, 142, New York, in an interesting scrap. Johnny Johnson, 126, New York, kayoed Danny Sileo, 128, Stamford, sinking a left hook deep into Sileo's body to score the win in the third. Billy Ambrum, 180, Bridgeport, and Billy Bueford, 176, Bronx, fought a draw.

Bristol—Muzzy Field—Blonde Tiger (Paul Frechette), 128, Lowell, Mass., was held to a draw by Young Junior, 125, Springfield Negro, in the eight-round feature. Ralph McNeil, Frechette's scheduled opponent, was too light. Johnny Bell, 140, New Britain, outpointed Red Cap Cooper, 148, Springfield Negro, in a six-rounder.

Waterbury—Municipal Stadium—Dennis (Pat) Brady, 130, Bronx, had his hands full in beating Jose Aponte Torres, 128, Puerto Rico. It was a bruising battle all the way. Billy Brown, 160, Manchester, knocked out Ellis Morgan, 150, Hartford Negro, in the sixth with a right to the chin. Gabriel Rios, 113, New York, and Jose DeMedine, 115, Puerto Rico, drew in six. Kenny James, 150, Waterbury Negro, got a six-round decision over Billy Peterson, 147, Butte, Mont. Ed Ahearn, 160, Branford, knocked out Joe King, 156, New York, in the third.

Hartford Auditorium—Georgie Martin, 150½, Boston, repeated over George Red Doty, also 150½, Hartford, but this time by the decision route in their ten-rounder. Martin dropped the redhead in the fourth but then seemed to lose the power in his punches. A number of times the hard-hitting Hartfordite had Martin hurt but the cagey veteran bluffed his way out of trouble. George Dunn, 130, Hartford Negro, won the decision in eight rounds over Paul (Blonde Tiger) Frechette, 125½, Lowell, in the semi-final. Joe Polowitzer, 135, East Hartford, knocked out Al Briere, 134½, Worcester, in the first round with a left to the solar plexis. Lou Jackson, 130, New Haven, outpointed Kenny Hilton, 136, Hartford Negro, in another six. Floyd (Bat) Stroud, 160, Hartford, and Whitey Kozy, 155, New Britain, fought six bristling rounds to a draw.

Norwalk—Crystal Arena—Tomas Beato, 122, San Domingo, outpointed rugged little Frankie Pucci, 120, Paterson, N. J., in their ten rounder. Georgie Greyjack, 140, Bridgeport, took the six-round semi-final over Johnny Duke, 143, Hartford. Johnny Terriano, 144, Norwalk, who boxed as Terry Mendez in pre-war days, returned after four years to stop Bobby Holt, 148, Danbury, in the fourth round. Billy Beauford, 183, New York, decisioned Jim Brownley, 190, Bridgeport, in four. Henry Victoria, 156, Bridgeport, stopped Bo Miller, 150, Aberdeen, S. D., in 1:53 of the first round.

Norwalk—Crystal Arena—Joe DeMartino, 146, Bridgeport, was awarded a K.O. over Ronnie MacDonald, 150, Edmonton, Can., when the latter collapsed in the tenth round. A hospital examination proved that MacDonald collapsed mostly from exhaustion although he did suffer a slight concussion. Charley Early, 147, San Francisco, Calif., took a close six-round decision from Henry Holt, 150, Danbury Negro. Dennis McCabe, 140, Yonkers, took the decision from Billy Marcus, 138, Hartford, in the other six. Henry Victoria, 154, Bridgeport, stopped Louis James, 150, New York, in one heat. Bill Ambrun, 180, Bridgeport, K.O.'ed Dom Fisher, 177, Shelton, in the second.

Hartford Auditorium—Georgie Martin, 151, Boston, and Patsy Giordano, 150, Montreal, were given the heave-ho by Referee George Proto, in the third round of their scheduled ten-round bout. The referee acted a little too quickly. Both fighters were trying but their styles didn't seem to click. Tommy Murray, 135, Montreal, was also a victim of poor refereeing when the same Proto called Freddy Polowitzer, 136, East Hartford, the winner in their six. Murray was on the deck twice but administered a severe beating to Polowitzer throughout. Brother Joe Polowitzer, 138, East Hartford, was a little less lucky when he was stopped in the fifth of his bout with Pedro Corchado, 140, New Bedford. Billy Kearns, 146, Wethersfield, got the nod over Al Evans, 150, Newport, in a six. Tony Terry, 126½, Manchester, edged out Petey Vines, 132, Hartford, in a five-round semi-pro bout.

CANADIAN TOPICS
By LAWSON BAMPTON

JOHNNY GRECO is the new Canadian welter champ. He had to work harder than he expected for it. "Joltin' Johnny" was generally favored to kayo his veteran opponent, crafty Dave Castilloux, in view of advantages in years, weight and strength, as well as the fact that he has been more active and tangling with much better opposition. However, Castilloux staged a brilliant performance and Greco had to be content with a hard-earned ten-round decision. It was a gripping, gruelling battle, not too spectacular though having its dramatic moments, and the fans were well satisfied.

The Forum was packed with some 15,000 enthusiasts who contributed a record Canadian gate for sports, a shade under $50,000, almost doubling the previous record. Prices were scaled from $1.50 to $10, and the advance sale gave early indication of the big gathering. Greco was a strong 12-5 favorite but if they ever meet again the odds on him, if any, will be very narrow. Raoul Godbout, Eddie Quinn and Jack Rogers were the men who were pulling the promotional reins and it was a big success.

Greco started off at a blazing pace and it looked as though Castilloux, forced continually to a wary defensive, was doomed to be blasted out in jig time. However, the veteran bided his time, making Greco miss a lot and blocking in masterly fashion; but plenty of glancing wallops were gradually taking it out of him as well as the rough mauling in clinches. In the seventh and eighth rounds, Castilloux electrified the fans by opening up and driving Greco around with well timed, clean shots, at one time having Greco wobbling badly with the bell coming to the rescue. Greco assumed the offensive in the ninth and tenth rounds and the more weary veteran, nearly ten pounds lighter, had to resort to the defensive again and pass up his chance of pulling out a victory.

Arthur (Li'l A'tha) King, sensational Toronto Negro featherweight, made short work of the once-tough Jean Barriere in the semi-final to Greco-Castilloux. After a few brisk exchanges, King shot in three lightning cracks to Barriere's chin and it was all over in the first heat. This King is a real firecracker and would be welcomed back here. In the best supporting battle, Jean Richard and Quebec's blond Johnny Bouffard battled tooth and nail to a six-round draw. Richard started out strong, it looked curtains for Bouffard at an early stage but the Quebecer staged a rousing finish that entitled him to a deadheat.

The other six-rounders were fair. Jasper O'Hanley outboxed aggressive, but slow moving Tony Mancuso, scored handily with timely counters while retreating and won by a clear margin. Gabby Ferland had too much height and reach, plus speed, for Romeo Ouimet and was the victor in a spotty bout. Marcel Lachappelle, Sylvio Mireault's slim protege, handily outclassed Bill Connelly in the four-round opener.

FROM LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY
By JOE FRENCH

THE Derbytown Athletic Club, headed by Promoter Frank Cahill and Matchmaker Walter Buckrop, presented its second fistic offering to Louisville fans at Parkway Field, topping the show with two ten-rounders.

The first ten ended in the seventh round by a T.K.O. in favor of Charley Baxter, Cincinnati Negro lightweight, who had too many gloves for game Jimmy Wiley, Chicago Negro. Baxter sent Wiley to the canvas seven times before Referee Jimmy Dell stopped the contest.

In the other ten-round feature, Pat Iacobucci, Cincinnati featherweight, made a hit in his second local appearance by punching out a decision over Don Rocco of Louisville.

In a slated six-round contest, Jimmy Grimm, local middleweight, was awarded a second round T.K.O. over Jerry Martin when Martin injured his hand and was unable to continue.

Herb Drane, local Golden Gloves king, made his pro debut with a two-round knockout over Bill Brown, Cincinnati middleweight.

Jimmy Robinson, Louisville Negro Golden Glover, also turned pro and slammed away to a four-round draw with Frankie Malone, Louisville lightweight.

In a light-heavy scrap, Billy Fluhr of Louisville halted Jimmy Knipp of Cincinnati in the second. A heavyweight contest saw Alvin Fryrear hang a two-round kayo on Jo Jo Harrod.

Fistic Footlights—Buddy Cansler, Negro heavyweight newcomer and Golden Gloves product, managed by Joe French, is in training for several possible bouts coming up at midwest clubs. . . . Jimmy Dell of Louisville, who has been associated with boxing as a fighter, manager and promoter, made his debut as a referee on the last local show. . . . Charley "Bob" Elliot, Louisville welter under the handling of Charley Jones, made a neat record of 16 wins out of 18 starts down in Florida rings.

Bob Garner, Louisville Negro puncher, stepped into the ring at Indianapolis and outpointed Clayton Worlds, Chicago heavyweight, over the ten-round distance.

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BROADCAST FROM NEW YORK

By IRVING RUDD

THE local boxing boom among the small clubs in New York City continues to roll along at an unslackened juggernaut pace. The past outdoor season was most successful with some experts declaring that the gates on a comparative basis topped even those of the bright prosperity era of the 20's.

By the time this issue of THE RING hits the stands, it is expected that no less than nine clubs will be operating in and around the Metropolitan area as the fall season gets under way. The famed old institutions, Ridgewood Grove, Broadway Arena and St. Nick's, head the parade. Here is the tentative line-up of the small clubs and their matchmakers with a possibility that one or two new ones will be added before the winter sets in:

Monday—St. Nicholas Arena, Jack "Zunk" Serlin; Trinity Auditorium, Yonkers, Al King.

Tuesday—Broadway Arena, Max Joss; Park Arena, Paul Marino; Queens Gardens, Charley Bennett.

Wednesday—Jamaica Arena, Bill Johnston.

Thursday—None.

Friday—St. Nicholas (when Garden does not run).

Saturday—Ridgewood Grove, Moe Fleischer; Forum Arena, Billy Brown.

Most of the outdoor clubs wound up the past season grossing approximately $80,000 to $100,000 for the summer. Fort Hamilton drew a record high of over $10,000 with Mead and Kronowitz; Queensboro averaged about $8,000 gross per show. MacArthur ran talent shows which drew well. Ebbets Field boxing was a welcome addition to the field. The indoor season of 1946-47 should prove equally as prosperous. The admission fee of most clubs, which is scaled at $1.25, $2 and $3, is a fair one considering the hectic spending sprees and inflation of today.

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Vince Dundee, former world's middleweight champion, still hangs on courageously to life while suffering from progressive paralysis . . . . he's in a sanitarium at Glendale, Calif. . . . . Sammy Meadows, Benny Nabors and Johnny Pena are only a few of the many former fighters employed by the New York Postmaster, Albert Goldman . . . . The modern day rarity of a bout being staged in broad daylight was seen at Tia Juana, Mexico, recently where Enrique Bolanos kayoed Joey Pirrone in two heats . . . . The fistivities started at 2 p.m. . . . . Ruby Goldstein, top referee around these parts, is a goodwill man for a large liquor outfit . . . . Georgie Coyle, sensational Golden Gloves champ of a decade ago, who turned down many lucrative offers to turn pro, is still employed at the Radio City Music Hall . . . . Mark Conn, former aide to General Chennault in China, and now a New York referee, was appointed supervisor of recreation in Brooklyn and Staten Island recently . . . . Jack Chase, the crack California light-heavyweight, also runs a personal service bureau . . . . George Latka, former crack Coast lightweight, is now training a young Irish heavyweight named Jerry McSwain . . . . Battling Mathis, 145-pounder from San Diego, now with the Army in Texas, entertains the wounded servicemen in nearby hospitals with exhibitions.

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When Harry Silver, English lightweight, fought at the Broadway Arena last month, it was not his American debut, as most fans believed . . . . Harry scored a sensational kayo over Jimmy Cogman in Meadowbrook Bowl, Newark, in 1939, but had to return to England when war broke out . . . . Cecil Hudson, the Coast welter, who never sits down between rounds when fighting, has proved so popular in Milwaukee that he may settle down to live there permanently . . . . Boxing is starting to boom again in Glace Bay, Nova Scotia, with many local fighters having made the trip . . . . Doug Carter, Newark welter, is the star attraction there.

A recent story in a western mag asserted that Ceferino Garcia was really 35 years old when he kayoed Fred Apostoli, having falsified his age some years ago . . . . Jimmy Webb is a referee in Texas, while Corn Griffin, whose kayo at the hands of Jim Braddock, catapulted the latter into the heavyweight championship, is now an arbiter in Georgia . . . . Flint, Mich., got back into the boxing limelight as a big time fight center when the hometown pride, Jock Leslie, won the state featherweight title from Willie Anderson, drawing more than $12,000 last month.

The ducats issued by the Zenith Sporting Club, which promoted boxing at Ebbets Field this summer, bore the facsimile signature of the late Jimmy Johnston . . . . Joe Bostic became the first Negro ring announcer in the history of New York boxing when he bowed in at the Queensboro Arena recently, and henceforth will do the announcing at Ridgewood Grove . . . . contrary to reports, George Fitch, Negro ex-sparmate of Joe Louis, was not the first of his race to be made a referee in the United States . . . . Dynamite Jackson was licensed in California several years ago . . . . and down in New Orleans Negro referees work on the Negro cards frequently.

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And now for the fights of the month in the New York area:

Sticking, moving, slipping punches, and countering effectively, bald Georgie Abrams, 160¼, now fighting out of Rego Park, L. I., bounded back into the middleweight picture with a bang as he upset stiff-socking Steve Belloise, 159½, Bronx contender, in an exciting ten-round go before 9851 spectators at Madison Square Garden.

Off to a poor start with three bad fights after his discharge from the Navy, Abrams, a 1 to 5 underdog, hardly figured to last with the spidery Belloise who had amassed a skein of fifteen straight wins, twelve via the kayo route. In the jargon of Jacobs Beach, "Abrams win all by hisself," as he took the play away from Belloise at the outset.

Georgie was obviously the craftier boxer and his experience stood him in good stead when he was tagged upon occasion by Steve. Belloise resembled a traffic cop as he stood stolidly, his left extended all the way in an attempt to measure Georgie. Abrams had the Bronxite swinging like a rusty gate in the fourth as Steve teed off from left field with haymakers that failed to find their mark. Meanwhile the transplanted Washingtonian was countering smartly with left hooks.

Although Abrams committed the cardinal sin of pulling away from a long range puncher like Belloise, he was never in serious trouble, but was belted hard several times. The majority decision of Marty Monroe and Charley Devlin overruled the draw verdict of Referee Ruby Goldstein who tallied it four, four and two even. Judge Monroe had Abrams ahead at six rounds to four, and Lecron had it about right at seven rounds to three. Several press row observers felt that Belloise had won, but THE RING correspondent awarded eight rounds to Abrams and scored two even.

Buddy Garcia, 135, Galveston, Texas, emerged victorious at 2:24 of the fifth round of a gruelling go set for eight rounds when he stopped Lou Casiano, 131¾, New York, after opening cuts over both of Lou's eyes and drawing claret from nicks in the latter's face.

Bobby Boucher, 155, Nebraska, finished strong in the final round of a six to earn a draw with Eddie Guarino, 158½, Ozone Park, L. I. Guarino deserved the duke, for he staggered Boucher several times and had his man badly hurt.

The greatest thing to come out of Youngstown, Ohio, since Tony Janiro, was unveiled before the Garden customers in the person of Joe D'Amato, 138-pound redhead, who romped to a four-round decision win over Aurelio Vasquez, 139½, Mexico City. D'Amato is better at this corresponding stage than was his stablemate Janiro when Tony first came East.

Joe Garcia, 125¼, Houston, Texas, countered smartly with a blazing left in the midst of an intended four-round scuffle to dump Joe DiSoso, 126¾, New Orleans, and stopped the latter at 2:21 of the second. Ruby Jones, 164½, Norfolk, Va., beat Tom McKeagney, 163¼, Boston, and Ralph Nieves, 151½, Puerto Rico, defeated Eli Wesley, 150½, Philadelphia, in two other fours.

Jersey Joe Walcott, 191¾, venerable Camden, N. J., Negro mittman, loomed as the most formidable opponent for Joe Louis in many years as he blasted out Tommy Gomez, 182½, Tampa, Fla. Purple Heart veteran, in impressive style at 1:21 of round three of a slated ten-round mill at the Garden, but lost his golden opportunity when he was defeated by Joey Maxim a fortnight later at Camden, N. J.

A surprisingly good crowd of 11,657 which paid $47,886, saw Gomez tear right out at the opening gong and fire some wild and wicked punches which the experienced Walcott slipped with ease. Joe countered often to take the opening canto. Gomez just about held his own in the second

round until a few seconds before the bell when a pip of a right caught him flush on the whiskers and sent his mouthpiece sailing into the audience. The count reached five as the bell sounded while Tommy was floundering right in Walcott's corner.

At the start of the third, Walcott shuffled out with his peculiar weaving style, and in a short exchange near the ropes countered once more with an accurate right that literally bounced Gomez underneath the lower rope onto the ring apron. The game youngster beat the count, arising at eight, but before Referee Frank Fullam could officially stop the contest, Walcott had sent the Southerner sprawling with a right to the head. The judges were Frank Forbes and Joe Agnello.

Tommy Yarosz, 165¼, Monaca, Pa., kid brother of former world's middleweight champion, Teddy, boxed rings around durable Joe Reddick, 162¾, Paterson, N. J., in the eight-round semi-final. Seconded by brother Ted, Tommy moved swiftly about and stabbed Reddick with numerous lefts.

In a six-round mill, Jesse Lee, 172¾, New York, tried valiantly to cope with the heavier, more experienced Clarence Jones, 194½, Buffalo, N. Y., but was outpointed after being dropped for an eight-count in the fourth.

Ruby Jones, 167¼, Norfolk, Va., banged away viciously at the taller Joe Barrett, 172¼, San Francisco, and the latter was mighty glad to hear the final bell at the end of the fourth round. Other fours saw Nick Kashuba, 154, Brooklyn, kayo Julie Cross, 154¾, Brooklyn, in 58 seconds of the third round, Earl Huff, 136½, Camden, N. J., decisioned Leonard Ceasar, 138½, Puerto Rico, and Jerome Frazier, 151, New York, looked like a comer in flattening Lafayette Roberts, 156, New York, in 1:45 of the opening stanza.

Bernard Docusen, 143½, flashy Filipino youngster from New Orleans, bowed in as a Garden headliner and romped to an easy win over Norman Rubio, 147½, Albany, N. Y., before 6568 somewhat bored customers who saw the "Dook" capture almost every round to take a unanimous decision. The bout, limited to eight rounds because Docusen is only nineteen years of age, provided little in the way of excitement. Bernard, who seems to lack an authoritative kayo wallop, jabbed and banged away at the rugged Upstater at will. Rubio tried hard to mix with Bernard, but the fast-stepping Southerner kept constantly on the move. Rubio, as a Garden headliner, fails to meet public approval. Benny Leonard was the referee, the judges were Frank Forbes and Harold Barnes.

Eddie Giosa, 136½, Philadelphia, stole the show in the only thrilling bout on the card when he came back after being saved by the bell in the first heat to outbox Johnny Dell, 132¾, Brooklyn, in the eight round semi-final affair.

Wayland Douglas, 142¾, Los Angeles, solved the southpaw style of Joey Haddad, 136½, Jersey City, N. J., to win a six-round decision. Juan Serrano, 158, Havana, Cuba, seemed to have an edge in a six after flooring Johnny Clark, 160¼, New York, but the duke went to the Gothamite.

In fours, Frank Hardeman, 140¾, Athens, Ga., won from Davey Cohen, 143, Bronx, and Joe LaScala, 141½, Brooklyn, beat Pedro Arce, 136½, New York.

To paraphrase the Li'l Abner cartoon strip, "It were confusin', but not amoozin' " to observe the goings-on at Ebbets Field when Bernard Docusen, New Orleans flash, collided with Henry Jordan of Brooklyn, in one of four featured ten rounders.

The program got under way on a Wednesday night with Henry Holley, 173, New York, putting the snore on Jimmy Letty, 181½, Ridgewood, at 26 seconds of the second round. Then came a scheduled eight between Tony DeRosa, 142½, Astoria, L. I., and Jorge Morelia, 143, Mexico. The boys battled along on fairly even terms until the fourth round when a slight drizzle began. As the rain fell harder, the Commission ordered the bout cut to six rounds. At the finish it was ruled a draw, and just then the deluge came.

While rain spattered down freely causing all but the hardiest of the ringsiders to seek cover, Docusen and Jordan climbed into the ring to begin fighting. It was farcical as Henry, attempting to fight out of a crouch, skidded to the canvas twice. Docusen went down once on the wet canvas, and Referee George Walsh had all he could do to keep his balance. On orders from the Commission, the bout was called off until the following day. While Promoter Bill Johnston, who wasn't even consulted before the move was made, ranted wrathfully, the skies cleared and stayed clear all night. Referee Walsh and Judges Jim Hagan and Jack O'Sullivan each tabbed Docusen the winner of the first round and it was announced that the men would begin battling the next night as of the second heat.

The following evening, rain threatened again, and immediately, without further ado, the main go was rushed in first and the "new" bout started from scratch.

Docusen, weighing 142½, spotted Jordan 5½ pounds and handled the latter with comparative ease, although forced to extend himself all the way. Bernard almost ended the fight in the first canto with a sweetheart of a right that spilled Henry for a nine-count. Jordan gamely stuck it out despite the fact that he was wobbly and hurt.

Jordan kept piling in throughout the contest, but Docusen clearly outboxed him to take the unanimous verdict. A crowd of 11,000 was on hand.

Julie Bort, 135½, Brooklyn, won a close ten-rounder from Al Guido, 140½, Harlem, although he suffered cuts about both eyes. Julie's cleaner punches during spirited exchanges won the fight for him.

Joe (Sandy) Saddler, 122¾, New York, withstood the "bulling" tactics of the heavier Pedro Firpo, 131, Camden, N. J., to romp off with a ten-round verdict in the final contest of the evening. Sandy boxed the ears off Firpo most of the way.

Boxing returned to Staten Island after a lapse of many years when Promoter Mike Christie and Matchmaker Johnny Attell teamed up to stage a professional boxing show for the benefit of the Police Athletic League.

Larry Cisneros, California protege of Gus Wilson, made his Eastern debut an auspicious one by trouncing the willing Vic Moreno of Venezuela, in the featured eight before a capacity crowd at Braybrook Oval. Larry constantly popped Moreno with rapid fire lefts to the head and shook his man with several right crosses.

Another eight went to Paul (Fancy Pants) Reguejo, of California, when he easily outboxed Jerry Darby of Jamaica, L. I.

Two four-round scraps wound up the show as Castro Calderon, Puerto Rican featherweight, outpointed Allan Woods of California, and Domingo Reyes, Mexico, beat Pedro Arce, Puerto Rico, in a lightweight bout.

Eddie Joseph, a native Staten Islander, refereed for free, turning his purse over to the P. A. L. The judges were Nat O'Leary and Bobby Dawson.

Christie and Attell announced that they planned to run indoor boxing on Staten Island during the coming winter months.

Tony Pellone, 144½, Greenwich Village Italian youth, is still the only conqueror of Billy Graham, 139, East Side Irishman, but you can't prove it by Graham or the majority of the 13,229 spectators in Madison Square Garden, who felt that Billy outboxed and outpunched Pellone all the way in a fast ten-round bout.

Pellone had previously snapped Graham's streak of wins at 40 about a year earlier, and now the latter's record in 67 contests is marred by two losses, each inflicted by tough Tony.

Graham was the better boxer and could have sewed up the scrap right from the start had he continued to stab and move about as briskly as he did in the first heat. Pellone got the range in the third stanza and shook Billy with good head punches. Again in the fourth Tony staggered Graham with an assortment of right handers, but the East Sider came back to redden Pellone's left eye, causing him to blink as he tried to keep it open.

Graham's best round was the fifth as he almost floored Pellone with a stiff right, then moved around, peppering Pellone freely with jabs. Graham kept pulling ahead with his better boxing ability, but in the seventh Pellone got back into the battle as Graham began to tire. The eighth and ninth were Tony's sessions too, as he scored with the cleaner and harder punches. The tenth was fiercely fought with Graham appearing to have a slight edge.

Referee Barney Felix, who turned in a poor job as third man, scored it five, three and two even in favor of Pellone. Upon two occasions, both boys slugged it out for at least fifteen seconds after the bell had sounded while Mr. Felix stood by idly watching the proceedings.

Judge Jack Gordon had Pellone in front five to four with one round even, thereby giving Tony a split, unpopular decision. Judge Charley Rosen favored Graham, six rounds to three with one even. THE RING correspondent saw Graham winning six rounds to four. The receipts were surprisingly good with a gross of $57,770 in the till.

Larry Cisneros, 138, Los Angeles, Cal., bowed in auspiciously as he constantly beat Norman Rubio, 144¼, Albany, N. Y., to the punch to cop a closely fought, gruelling ten-round go.

Bernard Docusen, 140, New Orleans, made his Garden debut, and although the flashy Filipino won with ease in an eight-rounder against Paul (Fancy Pants) Reguejo, 133, Los Angeles, he was made to look bad by the crouching, tincanning tactics of the latter.

Kid brother Maxie of the Docusen tribe, 126½, looked every bit as classy as Bernard, as he won a four-round opener from Kenny Haines, 127¼, Paterson, N. J. A four which followed the star bout went to John Mazanoble, 148, Schenectady, N. Y., who whipped Mickey Zangara, 147¼, Bronx.

Elmer (Violent) Ray, highly heralded Minneapolis Negro heavyweight, lived up to all advance notices as he blasted the veteran Lee Savold, of Paterson, N. J., flat on his face in 1:39 of the second round before the largest crowd of the season at Ebbet's Field.

Actually the Savold fight did not mark the local debut of the Violent one, for he stopped Shamus O'Brien in the Garden some eighteen months earlier, but most of the local writers' memories were dim.

Savold came out cautiously, then began winging punches at Ray in an attempt to bring out the "geezer" in the Negro if he possessed any. Elmer stood his ground and hurt Lee with many hard head punches and also reddened Savold's face. The second round saw the blond Jerseyite making a game try of it as once more he threw hard wallops as if trying to end the fight with a single blow. Ray showed a strong defense, and when he opened up dropped Savold in a sitting position right in his own corner. Lee disdained taking advantage of a nine-count but arose at six. He still tried desperately to slug with Ray, but another flurry floored him near the ropes on the opposite side of the ring where Referee Frank Fullam counted him out. Savold lay on his face, and a few moments elapsed before he could leave the ring. Ray weighed 194, Savold scaled 200.

The judges were Artie Schwartz and Joe Agnello. A crowd of 14,900 paid $35,000 to watch the card.

In the eight-round semi-final, Sandy McPherson, 221, Brooklyn, defeated Adam Spencer, 205, New York. A six staged after the star bout resulted in a win for Jimmy Callura, 125, Canada, over Bobby Richards, 125, Spokane, Washington.

Lon Griffen, a 20-year-old raw novice, was severely injured when he was knocked out by Henry Holley, 176½, Brooklyn. Dropped by a right hand smash, Griffen's head struck the ring apron. He was eventually removed to King's County Hospital in Brooklyn for observation.

The time of the kayo was 1:13 of round one and Griffen, from Asheville, N. C., who scaled 176 pounds, had no more right being in there with Holley than this scribe.

Mayhew Smith, 143, Raleigh, N. C., staved off a late rally on the part of George B. Smith, 142½, New York, to gain a close six-round decision. The opening four went to Sammy Grounds, 175½, Forest Hills, L. I., who stiffened Eddie Reape, 167½, Bronx, in 1:11 of the second.

The ancient ring adage that "It takes sixty seconds to make a minute, but one good second to make a champion," held true at the final fistic offering at Ebbets Field where superb corner work by the veteran trainer, Jimmy August, enabled Herbie Kronowitz, 159, Coney Island, to come from behind to defeat Pete Mead, 157, Grand Rapids, Michigan, despite a badly cut eye which bled copiously.

A good crowd of 13,431 which paid $31,643 saw a corking ten-rounder, but one not quite as thrilling as the first slugfest which ended in a riot at the Fort Hamilton Arena.

Mead got off to an early lead and seemed a sure winner in the fourth when Kronowitz suffered a badly cut eye. Referee Harry Ebbetts and Dr. Sam Swetnick each paid a visit to Herbie's corner after the fourth, fifth and sixth rounds, but little Jimmy August stopped the flow of blood each time to send his charge out for the next round as fresh as a daisy.

The Midwesterner made the mistake of concentrating on the eye, obviously feeling that the bout was going to be stopped soon. When he tried to switch to a body attack in the ninth and tenth rounds the game Brooklynite stood off and popped him with hard rights to garner the unanimous duke.

In the semi-final ten, Lulu Costantino, 134, East Side, still the possessor of plenty of ring savvy, overcame a first round knockdown at the hands of Al Pennino, 131, Brooklyn, to win an unpopular decision.

All of the three prelims ended in kayoes as George Small, 155, Brooklyn, stopped Irish Johnny Smith, 164, Boston, at the end of the third heat, Henry Holley, 178, Brooklyn, halted John Willard, 202, at the end of the first, and Joe Brocato, 131, Bronx, starched George Williams, 131, Brooklyn, in 2:30 of round one.

Offsetting his foe's shiftier and clever style of infighting with sharper punching, Vinnie Rossano, 147½, Red Hook, finished strong in the last three rounds of a ten-round main event at MacArthur Stadium to gain a split decision over Phil Palmer, 144, Vancouver, B. C., before a crowd of 3700 fans.

In the eighth and ninth rounds Rossano rocked Palmer with hard rights. Vinnie suffered a cut left eye in the third and Palmer's right eye was bleeding in the sixth. Referee Jed Gahan and Judge Ben Benson cast their ballots for Rossano, with Judge Schiavana dissenting in favor of Palmer.

Artie DiPietro, 139, East Side, defeated Raul Zenit, 140¼, Mexico, in the eight-round semi-final.

A corking slugfest scheduled for six rounds, ended suddenly at 57 seconds of the fourth when Tommy Monti, 130, Brooklyn, connected with a right to the jaw of Jimmy Allen, 132½, Philadelphia.

In four rounders Johnny Marino, 127½, Brooklyn, nosed out Raul Roque, 125, Puerto Rico; Jimmy Mangin, 156, East Side, whipped Gregory Hildago, 158¼, Puerto Rico, and Benny Friend, 149, East Side, drew with Joe Brown, 153, Brooklyn.

Only one tilt went the scheduled distance at the Croke Park Arena as Larry Fontana, 160, Brooklyn, headlined the kayo parade by clipping Mel Hawkins, 160, Jamaica, with a left to the jaw at 1:46 of the sixth heat. An estimated crowd of 4000 was on hand.

The fast-rising Tommy Marra, 149½, White Plains, repeated an earlier kayo over Johnny Harvey, 157½, Port Chester, N. Y., bettering his previous time by two rounds as he starched

Johnny at 1:57 of the second. This was a listed eight-round semi-final.

The lone scrap to go the limit saw Mickey Zangara, 147¾, Bronx, defeat Dempsey McPhail, 148, New York, in a six spot.

Phil Burton, 140, St. Louis, stopped Marcel Fournier, 134, Montreal, in 2:51 of round one, and Herbie Johnson, 133, Brooklyn, knocked out Carmine Shaiffo, 133½, Bronx, in 2:53 of the first. These were slated four-round bouts.

Jimmy Evans, young Brooklyn heavyweight, who had amassed a string of seven wins and loomed as one of the likeliest contenders for 1947, was blasted out of the picture by the veteran Buddy Knox, of Dayton, Ohio, who kayoed Jimmy in 2:25 of the seventh round at the Fort Hamilton Arena.

Outweighed by 25 pounds, Evans, who scaled 180, was the speedier of the two, but crafty Buddy possessed too much savvy. Jimmy was dumped as Knox landed a right uppercut and followed through quickly with a left hook and right cross at close range. Evans just barely failed to beat the count as Referee Anthony Mealfi tolled off ten.

In six-round contests, Henry Hall, 180, New Orleans, defeated Willis Applegate, 190; Paterson, N. J., Jim Lake, 180, Brooklyn, beat George Bensick, 190, Pueblo, Colorado, and Clem Fitzpatrick, 160, Ozone Park, L. I., vanquished Sawee Japper, 161, Brooklyn. This was the best bout of the night.

Ex-Marine Jim Cone, 149, Cherry Point, N. C., stopped Frank Ferretti, 152, Brooklyn, in 2:40 of round two, and Benny Barbero, 148, Brooklyn, decisioned Sam King, 142, Harlem, in four rounds.

Al Pennino, 131½, Brooklyn, proved a capable sub for Morris Reif as he scored a five-round kayo over Leo Romanello, 138½, also of Brooklyn, in the main go scheduled for eight rounds at the Coney Island Velodrome.

It was a brisk brawl which saw both boys mix it quite freely, especially in the third round, when both boxers toppled out of the ring during a furious exchange. Pennino sent Leo to the deck in the fourth, dumped Romanello again in the fifth, and severely cut his opponent's left eye. Referee Al Berl halted proceedings with but one second remaining of the fifth frame.

The listed eight-round semi-windup failed to go the route as Clarence Wilkerson of the Bronx outclassed Harry Gary, Bronx, Negro, so thoroughly that the referee stopped the bout at 2:08 of round three. A third eight saw Leo LeBrun, Bronx, outpunch Georgie Wright of Philadelphia, at close range to cop the nod.

Johnny Marino, Brooklyn, decisioned Phil Thomas, Bronx, and Herbie Morris, New York, held Joe LaScala, New York, even in the four-round prelims.

Consistently beating his man to the punch throughout eight rounds of close range milling, Patsy Giovanelli, 139½, Brooklyn, got back on the winning trail at the expense of rugged Ruby Garcia, 137¼, Puerto Rico, whom he outpointed in the star setto at the Queensboro Arena.

Giovanelli caught many a thumping wallop in order to counter with snappy rights and lefts to the face. Both men were shaken, but never in danger. The decision of Referee Barney Felix and Judges Charley Rosen and John Potter was unanimous.

In the eight-round semi-final, Bobby Richards, 124½, Portland, Oregon, whipped the favored Paul Midiri, 128½, Corona, L. I., in a bout marred by much holding on Paul's part.

Tony LaRocca, 137, Jamaica, L. I., had an easy time of it before disposing of Domingo Reyes, 138½, Puerto Rico, in a six-rounder. Reyes didn't land a punch as he scurried like a scared rabbit before the stalking Italian youngster.

A good four went to Tony LaBua, 133¾, Ozone Park, L. I., who outpointed George Williams, 130¼, New York. Jimmy Wright, 149½, Wilmington, Del., decisioned Billy Nelson, 144½, New York, and Ray Shaf, 159, East Side, kayoed Frank Ferretti, 155¾, Brooklyn, at the end of the first round in the other fours.

Jimmy Carollo, 198, Corona, L. I., continued to make progress along the comeback trail as he scored his sixth straight win over favored Jimmy (Shamus) O'Brien, 178, New York, in an eight round bout at Dexter Park.

It was a closely contested scrap with Carollo landing many left hooks. O'Brien relied mainly on his left jab. In the seventh heat Carollo opened a cut over the Negro's left eye, and in the eighth, O'Brien connected with a solid right hand smash to draw the gore from the Long Islander's left eye.

The decision was split as Referee Mark Conn disagreed with Judges Charley Shortell and Anthony Liszankie by voting for O'Brien.

Charley Donovan, 137, East Side, beat Bobby Root, 131, Corona, and Jimmy Hooper, 185, Wilson N. C., stopped Tommy Gargiso, 193, Brooklyn, in 1:15 of round five in two listed six-round events.

Nick Santonio, 148, New York, outpointed Samuel King, 143, Harlem, Frank Smith, 154, New York, conquered Walter DeMaio, 152, Brooklyn, and Fred Menna, 148, Brooklyn, whipped Joe Gibbs, 146, Harlem, in the four-round events.

Billy Graham, 139, East Side youngster, handily won the sixty-fourth bout of his career as he smoothly boxed his way to a unanimous eight round decision over Vic Costa, 147, of the Bronx, before an estimated crowd of 4000 at the MacArthur Stadium.

Graham scored often with a fast left to take every round but the second from Costa, who was on the receiving end of a good drubbing most of the way.

The sensational redheaded youngster, Joe D'Amato, 139, Youngstown, Ohio, continued to look like a sparkling prospect as he stowed away Artie Davis, 137½, Bronx, in 1:12 of the second round of what was to have been the six-round semi-final.

Ernie Butler, 151, Brooklyn, defeated Jimmy Davis, 152½, Pittsburgh, in another six-rounder, while Danny Carabella, 120¼, Bronx, vanquished Ralph LaSalle, 118, Pittsburgh, in a third six.

In the four-round frays, Benny Friend, of the East Side, was hardly that to Benny Barbaro of Brooklyn, whom he stopped at 1:30 of the second frame, and Jimmy Schiaffo, Bronx, trounced Fox Williams, Brooklyn, dumping the latter for a nine-count in the last stanza.

A closely fought six-round star bout, headlining a new talent show, went to Frankie Palermo, 139, Bronx, as he outboxed Billy Strauss, 138, Paterson, N. J., before a capacity crowd.

In the semi-final fracas slated for six sessions, Billy Kilroy, 156, Paterson, N. J., knocked out Don Anderson, 153½, Bronx, in 1:31 of the third heat.

Kenny Haines, 127½, Hamilton, Ontario, whipped Donald Scanlon, 127¾, Ozone Park, L. I., in six, and Jack Kenny, 166½, Livingston, N. J., halted Jim Lake, 175, Montreal, in 1:43 of the fourth round.

Three fours completed the card. Herbie Johnson, 132, Brooklyn, was credited with a knockout when Mickey Caruso, 134½, Mt. Vernon, N. Y., was unable to come up for round four. Steve DeLuca, 165, Brooklyn, stopped Jimmy Jackson, 163, Bronx, in 1:54 of the second and Tommy Lynch, 139½, Wilmington, Del., won over Earl Shaw, 141½, Bronx.

Willie Beltram, 134½, New York, belted Harry Diduck, 134¾, Brooklyn, consistently with sharp rights to garner a unanimous eight-round decision in the feature fracas at Sterling Oval, before 2500 fans. It was Beltram's fifth straight victory.

In a semi-final slated for eight rounds, Pete Kennedy, 149, New York, knocked out the human chopping block, Patsy Zoccano, 145½, Montreal, in 1:09 of the first round.

Dave Meredith, 140, Cliffside Park, N. J., defeated Aurelio Vasquez, 140½, New Mexico, in a six-round bout.

Two fours ended in kayoes as Dino Bleta, 135, Canton, Ohio, knocked out Lindy Miller, 132½, Brooklyn, in the second stanza, and Pat Hagen, 134¾, St. Paul, Minn., required one round longer to stop Lou Hirsch, 138, New York.

Charley Smith, classy Newark, N. J., lightweight, found Nunzio Ferraro, 138, Milwaukee, a mighty hard nut to crack when they collided in the main eight-rounder at the Fort Hamilton Arena, but finally stopped the latter in 55 seconds of the seventh round.

Ferraro injured his right hand in the second round when he snapped Smith's head back with a good one-two punch. From then on Nunzio succeeded in staving off Charley with left jabs, but in the fatal canto he was caught flush on the chin with a right which dropped him. As he arose, Referee Ray Miller wisely intervened. It was the first time Ferraro ever suffered a kayo.

Ray Lewis, 135, Honolulu, razzle-dazzled his way to an eight-round decision victory over John L. Thomas, 135½, New York, in the semi-final number.

Walter Keene, 138, Pittsburgh, whipped Jimmy Stokes, 140, New Haven, Conn., and Phil Burton, 142, New York, turned back Frankie Cardinal, 146, New York, in two six-round tilts.

The ancient Milo Theodorescu, 157, Roumania, still had enough left to outpoint Sawee Japper, 156, Brooklyn, in a four spot, while another tussle carded for four ended at 2:17 of the third round when Willie Murphy, 139, East Side, stopped Ernie Cabral, 137, New Haven.

Lou Valles, Rocky Graziano's East Side protege, easily tamed Tiger Nelson of Washington, D. C., as he cuffed the latter all over the Long Beach Stadium to capture an eight-round decision.

Valles rocked the Tiger a few times with well-placed uppercuts. The decision rendered by Referee Jack Clifford and Judges Charley Devlin and Joe Ryder was unanimous. Valles weighed 151¾, Nelson 150.

Al LaBarba, 145, Bronx, and Willie Odom, 142, New York, stole the show in a slugging eight-rounder. LaBarba won an extremely close decision that could have gone either way.

Tommy Marra, 150½, unbeaten White Plains lad, tore right out of his corner, backed the veteran Johnny Rinaldi, 148¾, Bronx, against the ropes, and finished the latter at 2:23 of round one of a listed eight.

The fourth eight-round embroglio went to Joey Krikis, 133, Bronx, as he outpointed Johnny Gebert, 130, Valley Stream, L. I. In a four-rounder, Charley Perkins, Corona welterweight, kayoed Jimmy Wright, Wilmington, Del.

Bill Poland, 200½, Bronx heavyweight favorite, made his first local appearance since his discharge from the Coast Guard and scored a thrilling knockout over Jimmy Gardner, 177, Philadelphia gamester, in the third round of a slated eight before 3700 fans at the Queensboro Arena. The time was 1:36.

Although he outweighed his man by 23½ pounds, Poland got more than he bargained for in the person of Gardner. Big Bill just did manage to cop the first round which was replete with wild slugging. The second was a repetition of the opening canto, but at one stage Poland trapped Gardner against the ropes and belabored his man without a return for almost a full minute. In the third Gardner came out swinging but was dropped by a series of punches for nine. Poland crossed a short right to the chin in the midst of another exchange and Gardner went down for the full count.

Maxie Docusen, 128, New Orleans, Bernard's kid brother, showed plenty of class in his own right as he belted the beejabbers out of the willing Jimmy Allen, 134½, Philadelphia. Referee Jack Appel stopped it at 2:21 of the third of a listed six-round semi-windup when Allen was hopelessly outclassed.

Paulie Davis, 146, Washington, D. C., defeated Tony Bertucci, 153½, Brooklyn, over the six-round route, while another scheduled six saw Henry Hall, 169, New Orleans, stop Ross Strickland, 182¾, Brooklyn, at 2:40 of the third.

Jimmy Meeks, 192, Bronx, easily outpointed Sid Cohen, 221½, New York, in four rounds, and Nick Kashuba, 154½, Brooklyn, knocked out Lacey Murphy, 159½, New York, in 2:56 of the second round.

Pete Geno, Greenwich Village favorite, and Russ Hawkins of New York, repeated their thriller staged a few weeks earlier, and once more Geno was returned the winner after eight rounds of fighting at the Coney Island Velodrome. Judges Eddie Benson and Gus Galli tabbed Geno as the winner, while Referee Jed Gahan thought Hawkins earned the nod. Geno weighed 146, Hawkins 150.

Ralph Nieves, 147¾, Puerto Rico, stopped William Harrison Dempsey MacPhail, all four of him, in 1:02 of the fourth round of a scheduled six-round semi-windup. The latter, from Detroit, scaled 146, and kissed the canvas three times for nine-counts before the bout was stopped.

Another six failed to go the distance as James Carter of Brooklyn knocked out Al Turner, New York, in 1:28 of round five. In four-rounders, Billy Nelson stopped Joey Gibbs in 49 seconds of the second session; Joe Brown whipped Gerry Pura, and Fred Menna kayoed Sam King, in 1:12 of the second stanza.

Cleo Everett, 195, Bronx Negro, raised Cain with Abel Cestac, 224, Argentina, when he gained a split eight-round decision over the protege of Luis Firpo at the Sterling Oval.

In the semi-final listed for six heats, Davey Cohen, 141¼, Bronx, knocked out Artie Davis, 141¼, Bronx, in 1:14 of the third round.

Billy Hearold, 158½, Houston, Texas, ended his intended six with Frankie Smith, 153, of Brooklyn, when he stopped the latter at 2:54 of the fourth, and Walter DeMaio, 151½, Queens Village, L. I., needed the same number of rounds to halt Jimmy Fallon, 161, East Side, turning the trick after two minutes and twelve seconds had elapsed. This bout was also listed for six.

Art McKenzie, 144¼, Bronx, stopped Herbie Morris, 144, Cleveland, in 1:52 of round one, and Tommy Burke, 153½, Bronx, outpointed Danny Ruggiero, 150, Yonkers, N. Y., in a four-rounder.

Ancient Chalky Wright ex-world's featherweight champion, who fiercely denies being a former stablemate of Tom Molineaux, patronizingly travelled along the ten-round route with young Johnny Dell, Brooklyn Italian, at Dexter Park, the Home of Bum Decisions, and wound up with exactly that; as Referee Harry Gleicher and Judge Ed Woessner ruled that Dell had won despite the tally of six rounds to three with one even in favor of Wright, arrived at by the other judge, Americo Schiavone.

THE RING correspondent's card agreed with that of Schiavone. Boxing's Methuselah hardly raised a sweat as he outfoxed the willing youngster all the way. While Johnny was what might be called the aggressor of this dull brawl, he wound up with his left eye cut and his right eye almost closed. The Brooklynite, and many other leading lightweights, will never see the day they can lick one side of Chalky if the venerable Negro really wants to pour it on. Wright weighed 134¼, Dell 131½.

Tommy O'Loughlin's lightweight youngster, Pat Hagan, 134¼, of Minneapolis, showed plenty of punching power as he stiffened Earl Shaw, 140¼, Jersey City, in 22 seconds of the second round of an intended six-round semi-final which followed the main go.

Four fours rounded out the show as Tony LaBua, 134, Ozone Park, L. I., had his hands full nosing out bobbing and weaving Castro Calderon, 129, Puerto Rico, Phil Thomas, 127, Bronx, beat Johnny Marino, 126, Brooklyn; Mike Verrengio, 167½, Brooklyn, whipped Ed Richardson, 163, New York, and Mike Santonio, 150, Corona, L. I., stopped Bobby Edwards, 152, Harlem, in 1:03 of the opening frame.

Rocco Rossano, 142, Brooklyn, kid brother of Vinnie, gained sweet revenge as he evened the score with Eddie Murphy, 140¼, stringbean Bronxite, by trouncing the latter in the eight-round star bout at the Croke Park Arena. A capacity crowd contributed to a good gate of $7487.

Loser of a closely fought fight in their previous meeting, Rossano got the jump early as he spilled Murphy for a nine-count in the third chapter. The decision was unanimous.

Phil Burton, 140½, St. Louis, outpointed Bobby Quinn, 140, Boston, in the semi-final six, while Georgie Small, 154½, Brooklyn, kayoed Freddie Graham, 156, New York, in 2:51 of the first of a scheduled six.

In four-rounders, Billy Smith, 135½, Boston, defeated Herbie Johnson, 131¾, Brooklyn; Jimmy Conn, 148, Milburn, N. J., beat Eli DeLoach, 143¼, East Side; Joe Garcia, 125¾, Houston, Texas, won over Harry Dee, 124, Brooklyn, and Georgie Paliotta, 136½, Brooklyn, and Johnny Holmes, 140½, Harlem, travelled to a draw.

Ringwise Nava Esparza, 144, wily Mexican veteran, made Charley (Dixie) Davis, 146, Kingston, N. Y., appear to be standing still as he won the decision in the main bout of ten rounds at MacArthur Stadium before a crowd of 3900.

Davis couldn't seem to get set and didn't throw more than six solid wallops throughout the contest. Referee Johnny McAvoy and Judges Sid Scharlin and Jack Denning all voted for Esparza, giving him the unanimous duke by a tremendous margin.

Tommy Monty, 131½, Brooklyn, survived a good first round hammering at the hands of Ritchie Myashiro, 132½, Honolulu, to decision the latter in a good six-round semi-final.

Al Maggi, 159½, Greenwich Village, dumped and defeated Billy Davis, 159, Bronx, in six, while the squat Pete Mirabella Brooklyn lightweight, won from Jerry Darby, New York, in another six.

Two East Siders, Jimmie Mangia and Joey Brocato, won in four spots. Mangia, 156, beat Jimmy Jackson, 159, Bronx, and Brocato, 135, kayoed Joe Patino, 140, Puerto Rico, in 40 seconds of the second.

Al Guido, 140, New York, outpointed Pat Scanlon, 141, Ozone Park, L. I., in the featured ten at the Fort Hamilton Arena before a crowd of 3330, who paid $5950.

The duke was split and unpopular as Referee Young Otto voted for Scanlon, but he was overruled by Judges Sam Cohen and Art Aidale, who had Guido in front. The winner suffered a slight eye cut in the eighth heat.

In the six-round semi-final, Eddie Guarino, Ozone Park middleweight, won handily from Eric Best of Brooklyn. Best was down for two when the bell sounded to end the fifth frame.

Jim Lake, 180, Brooklyn, gained the decision over George Bensick, 185, Pueblo, Colorado, and Tom McKeagney, 164, Boston, won over Lew Perez, 162, Puerto Rico, in other sixes.

Don Scanlon, Pat's younger fighting frere, whipped Sal Giglio of the East Side, in four rounds, while George Basic, Brooklyn, knocked out Jimmy McGrath, New York, in 2:20 of round one with a bombardment of body blows.

Lulu Costantino, 135¼, East Side, continued his winning ways along the comeback trail as he garnered an easy eight-round decision over Bobby Williams, 138, Leesburg, Fla., before 4000 fans at the Long Beach Stadium.

Costantino encountered little difficulty as he staved off the rushes of the more rugged Williams, picking off his wild swing with deftness. Mark Conn was the referee.

Davey Feld, 170¾, Brooklyn, defeated Walter Duval, 166½, Philadelphia, and Billy Johnson, 167½, Wilmington, N. C., beat Johnny Smith, 165, Boston veteran, in other eights.

A six went to Gabriel Rios, 113¾, Cuba, as he repeated a win scored several weeks earlier over Jose DeMedina, 114¼, Puerto Rico. The four-round opener saw Phil Thomas, 125¾, Bronx, register a victory over Larry Spencer, 121, New York.

Vic Pignataro, 144½, Bronx Italian, was doing all right for the better part of two rounds until heavy-hitting Morris Reif, 146, Brooklyn, unlimbered his lethal left hook to knock out Pignataro in 2:51 of the second round in the main event at the Coney Island Velodrome.

A left hook to the body and a right to the jaw dropped Pignataro for nine in the fatal stanza. Vic was down again for seven, and Reif finally put his man away with a good left hook to the head.

Jimmy Meeks, 195, Bronx youngster, was hardly what his name implied as he stiffened Ted Walters, 200, New York, in 2:58 of the fifth round of the listed six-round semi-final. Walters was down for nine in the second heat from a right cross, and the same potent right rocked him to sleep in the fifth.

In sixes Tony DelGato, Brooklyn, decisioned George Smith, New York, and Leonard Caesar, New Orleans, won from Walter Keene, of Philadelphia. The opening four spot saw Charlie Green, Brooklyn, defeat Allan Woods of New York.

Willie Odom, 141, Chicago Negro, substituting for Ruby Kessler, proved too big and strong for the tough Puerto Rican, Juan Carrero, who scaled 138, and won a unanimous eight-round decision before 3,000 fans at the Queensboro Arena.

Odom kept his man at bay with a long left and although cut over the left eye in the second heat, outpunched Carrero in several rough exchanges. Jack Hulbert was the referee, and Tom Guilfoyle and John Potter the judges.

Al Maggi, 156½, Greenwich Village, wasted little time as he flattened Teddy Wilson, 153, Bronx, in 2:21 of round one of a scheduled six-round semi-windup.

Buster Peppe, 174¼, New York, dropped Bob Isler, 168, New York, in the opening inning, but blew a six-round decision as Bob took the play away from him thereafter. The Puerto Rican clown, Lew Perez, 155, was undoubtedly the most surprised gent in the joint when he flattened Johnny Harris, 153, Jersey City, N. J., in 52 seconds of the fifth round of another intended six. Perez hit his man with a wild right that began in the vicinity of his shoelaces and stared in dumbfounded disbelief while Harris lay on the canvas colder than the coffee in a beanery.

In four rounders, Leon Sawyer, 144, Bronx, won from Charley Finley, 144, New York, and Augie Bosshammer, 139, Valley Stream, L. I., conquered Charley Grant, 141, of the Bronx.

Two youngsters who had begun to box professionally only six months previously were spotlighted in the main go at Dexter Park, and stiff belting Tony LaRocca, 137½, Jamaica, L. I., was still undefeated after he starched Charley Donovan, 139, East Side, in 1:18 of the first frame.

Donovan stabbed at Tony's face and crossed one or two snappy rights. Then the lights went out as LaRocca dropped Donovan for one. The Irishman was then swatted with a hard right and left and landed flat on his back where he was counted out.

Pete Muscarnera, 148, New York, a great prewar favorite, made his first post service start and knocked out Jimmy Wright, 144, Brooklyn, flooring the latter three times before it was over. The time was 2:25 of the third.

Irish Jackie Connolly, 135, Long Island City, outpointed Jimmy Allen, 134, Philadelphia, in a bruising six. Johnny Marino, 127, Brooklyn, won in six from Don Scanlon, 127, Ozone Park, L. I.

Just Johnson, 133, Brooklyn, battered Pedro Arce, 135, Brooklyn, freely in a four but couldn't kayo him, while Tommy Burke, 155, Harlem, chilled Frankie Ferretti, 154, Brooklyn, in 2:58 of the first in the curtain raiser.

Kilroy really was there—all there, at the Croke Park Arena, when Billy Kilroy, 153, Paterson, N. J., upset the more experienced Bob Boucher, 153, Nebraska City, Neb., in the main six-rounder before 4,000 spectators.

It was a close battle, although the decision in favor of Billy was unanimous. He cut the ex-Army Air Forces pilot over the left eye in an early round.

Davey Allen, 124, New York, whipped Clemente Rodriguez, 122, Puerto Rico, in a six, while George Marino, 146, New York, beat Carl Stein, 143, New York, also in six.

In the four-round events, Walter Cartier, 157, New York, turned back Harry Gary, 161, Harlem, Danny Ruggerio, 151, Bronx, defeated Charley Frick, 146, New York, and Melvin Bellamy, 161, drew with Gregory Hidalgo. 156.

Frankie Jay's classy kids, Joey Carkido and Joe "Red" D'Amato, both hailing from Youngstown, Ohio, rang down the curtain on a successful season at the MacArthur Stadium in Brooklyn by scoring victories over Eskar Mosely and Patsy Zoccano in co-featured sixes.

Carkido, 140, was too smart and fast for Mosely, 143, New York, and won by a comfortable margin.

D'Amato had Zoccano, 145½, Montreal, down for nine in the first canto, but the bell saved Patsy. In the third heat, Zoccano hit the deck for eight but managed to stay the distance as he covered up and fought cautiously for the remainder of the fray.

Tommy Monty, 130½, Brooklyn, knocked out Willie Alexander, 124, Chester, Pa., in 2:18 of the first. A sharp right uppercut ended hostilities. Jesse Lee, 173, New York, outpointed Jimmy Hooper, 175½, Brooklyn, in six rounds.

Harold Alle, 148, St. Paul, Minn., vanquished Eli DeLoach, 145½, New York, Ray Solomon, 140, Washington, D. C., beat Joe Patino, 138, Puerto Rico, and Fred Menna, 148, Brooklyn, opened the show with a one-round kayo over Joe Brown, 149, Brooklyn, in the four-round tilts.

They killed the fatted calf for Tommy Marra, a young thunderous punching undefeated middleweight, when he made his first ring appearance before the home folks at the White Plains High School Stadium; and Tommy nearly slaughtered tough Al (Sonny) Seidman of Scranton, Pa., as he kayoed the latter in the third round before a record crowd of 8,476.

The greatest gathering ever to watch a fight in the Westchester area paid $12,498.87, the net receipts of which went to the family of a local policeman killed in the performance of his duty.

The battle, which ended at 2:59 of round three, was a bitter and sensational one between two good left-handed belters. Seidman went down in the first heat but came back in the second stanza to drop Marra with a portside poke to the whiskers. Seidman was down three times in the third. A left hook to the head plopped Sonny for a no count. Another swat to the body floored him for nine, and when he arose, Marra sent him to the deck again. With one second remaining, Referee Lou Boughton stopped the fight. Marra weighed 150, Seidman 154.

In the eight-round semi-final Jackie Cunningham, 125, Lodi, N. J., won over Joe DiSoso, 131, New Orleans.

Willard Hogan, 139½, New York, trimmed Aurelio Vasquez, 141, Mexico, in a six-round bout, and Jim Lake, 178, Montreal, beat Tom McKeagney, 169, Boston, in a dull six. Joe Carbo, 157, Brooklyn, stopped Dan Sabia, 157, Port Chester, in 2:04 of round two, while Leonard Ceasar, 137, Detroit, outpointed Herbie Johnson, 132, Brooklyn.

Although dropped for an eight-count in the seventh session, Joey Dolan, 129½, Spokane, Wash., evened the score with Danny Webb, 128½, Montreal, as he took the unanimous decision in the featured eight-rounder at the Fort Hamilton Arena before a crowd of 3,400 fans.

Webb was penalized for low punching in the fifth. Eddie Joseph was the referee, while Dave Stewart and Frank Woessner served as judges.

A good slugging eight-round semi-final saw Bobby Richards, 126½, Portland, Ore., rally in the closing rounds to nose out Leo LeBrun, 123, Bronx.

Nick Kashuba, 150, Brooklyn, flattened Frankie Smith, 149, Brooklyn, in 1:33 of the second of a slated six, while Frankie Cardinal, 145, New York, travelled the full route of six heats to decision Jimmy Cone, 149, Milburn, N. J.

Jimmy McFadden, 128, Bayonne, N. J., outpointed Leroy Spencer, 123, Bronx, and Willie Murphy, 139, East Side, stopped Frankie Boss, 137, Valley Stream, L. I., at 2:54 of round one in the four-round events.

Willie Beltram, 135½, Bronx, outfought rugged Ruby Garcia, 136, Puerto Rico, to take the eight-round decision on the final outdoor show of the 1946 season at the Sterling Oval.

Pete Kennedy, 148, Elmsford, N. Y., knocked out Paulie Davis, 144¾, Washington, D. C., in 1:03 of the third round of a listed eight-round semi-windup.

Wayne Armstrong 159¼, Valley Stream, L. I., and Benny Davis, 160½, Port Chester, N. Y., fought a six-round draw. An intended six ended at 2:21 of the fourth as Jimmy Carter, 129¾, Harlem, kayoed Johnny Johnson, 137, Jersey City, N. J.

The lone four on the program went to Mike Verrengio, 168, New York, who outpointed Bob Grant, 173, New York.

In a free-swinging eight-round slugging bee, Jerry Fiorello, 160, Red Hook Italian veteran, outpunched Dave Chacon, 155, Newark, N. J., to garner the duke in the top eight-rounder as Matchmaker Moe Fleischer staged his final show at the Long Beach Stadium.

Joey Fontana, 132½, popular Brooklyn lightweight, who fought the best some eight years back, decided to give boxing another whirl and won the eight-round semi-final, trouncing Ritchie Myashiro, 132½, Hawaii. Fontana encountered little opposition and scored consistently with a two-fisted attack.

Clarence Wilkinson, 166, New York, closed Mel Hawkins' right eye as he stabbed his way to an eight-round win over the Jamaica, L. I., boy who scaled 161½.

Ray Williams, 164½, New York, decisioned Bob Isler, 165, Brooklyn, in a six spot, and Ray Shaf, 159½, New York, beat Mike Vasquez, 161, Puerto Rico, in the opening four-round fray.

The Forum Arena, located in the Bronx, was the first local club to inaugurate the indoor season, and the main go set for eight rounds was over at 1:34 of the opening canto as Irving Palefsky, 152½, Bronx left hooking knockout artist, starched the ancient Johnny Rinaldi, 146½, also of the Bronx, a southpaw swat to the chin doing the trick.

Pete Hartley refereed a fight card for the first time in many a moon. Joe Ryder and Nick Gamboli were the judges. The receipts for the first show were a bit over $2,000 net.

Bobby Garcia, Jr., 141½, Baltimore, decisioned Charley Howard, 146½, Pittsburgh, in the eight-round semi-final spot.

Bernie Bernard, 130, Brooklyn, whipped Billy Reed, 128½, New York, in a six-rounder, and Joe Bowman, 151, Bronx, kayoed Don Anderson, 159½, Bronx, in 1:50 of the fourth round of another scheduled six.

Anthony Viserto, 136, Bronx, made short work of John Jamison, 132, Harlem, in the opener, stiffening the latter at 2:46 of the first frame.

Bill Poland, 198½, Bronx contender, smashed out his second comeback kayo win when he stowed away Marty Clark, 201½, Astoria, L. I., in 1:59 of the third round of a scheduled eight at the Queensboro Arena.

Clark was floored for nine in the opening session, barely beating the count, but came back to stagger Poland in the second. A short right to the chin sent Clark to the canvas in the fatal canto, and during another exchange, Big Bill

ended hostilities with another snappy right and a long, looping left to the head. Jack Appel was the referee, Marty Monroe and Paul Caiola, the judges.

Irish Jackie Connelly, 134¼, Long Island City, knocked out Lou Daniels, 132½, Bronx, in 2:01 of the second round of the scheduled six-round semi-final.

In a six staged after the main go, Georgie Small, 153, Brooklyn, won a bruising go from Benny Davis, 158¼, Port Chester, N. Y., while another six was stopped at the end of the first round when Nick Kashuba, 151½, Brooklyn, was cut badly over the left eye in his bout with Freddie Graham, 153½, Brooklyn.

Lew Perez, 161½, Puerto Rico, boxed a draw with Charley Perkins, 161, Corona, L. I., and Joe Johnson, 126½, New Orleans, shellacked Larry Spencer, 121½, Bronx, in the four-round bouts.

Ellie Stewart, 163, Philadelphia, offset the stiff left jabs and height and weight advantage sported by Davey Feld, 169, Brooklyn, youngster, to eke out a split ten-round decision at the Coney Island Velodrome.

Stewart scored heavily with lefts and rights to the body and was completely superior at infighting. The referee was Harry Gleicher, the judges were Jack O'Sullivan and Amrico Savoie.

Lou (Chauncey) Miller, Brooklyn middleweight, completely outclassed Willie Herrold of New York, the referee intervening at 1:23 of the third heat of the slated six-round semi-windup.

In other sixes Roy Mead, Brooklyn, beat Leroy McQueen, New York; Tommy McKeagney whipped Leroy Wade of San Francisco. The curtain raiser saw Nat Brown of Brooklyn defeat a fellow Brooklynite, Nick Bertucci.

Tony Antognoli, 138½, Greenwich Village youngster, caught up with Billy Strauss, 138, Paterson, N. J., after being outpunched for the first two rounds, and kayoed the Jerseyite with a slambang barrage at 2:21 of the third round at Croke Park.

A crowd of 4,000 saw Tony trap Billy against the ropes where he belabored Strauss about the head. As Strauss started to sag, Referee Joe Vaccarelli stepped in and stopped the scrap. The judges were Bill Healey and Fred Brunelli.

Luther McMillen, 175, Brooklyn, outpointed Jack Kenny, 166, Livingston, N. J., in the semi-final six and Mickey Zengara, 148, Bronx, beat Harold Alle, 148, St. Paul, in another six. Bobby Quinn, 141, Harlem, knocked out Augie Bosshammer, 135½, Valley Stream, L. I., in 1:05 of the fifth.

In fours George Paliotta, 135, Bronx, defeated Johnny Holmes, 140, Harlem; Eddie Richardson, 166, Garfield, N. J., kayoed Steve DeLuca, 167, Brooklyn, in 1:18 of the first, and Sal Ferello, 120, Bronx, conquered Charley Green, 123½, Brooklyn.

Cyril Gallie and Harry Silver, two newcomers from England, topped the bill on the opening indoor show at the Broadway Arena, and were well received, with Gallie winning impressively over Raul Zenit and Silver scoring by disqualification over Bobby Williams. A good crowd was on hand despite abnormally hot weather.

Gallie, 139½, from Cardiff, Wales, showed plenty of promise as he outboxed and outpunched the seasoned Zenit almost all the way to capture a unanimous decision. If Cyril, who was fighting for the eighth time as a pro, can rid himself of some of his British boxing mannerisms, he will cut a wide swath among the local lightweights. He is a sharp puncher and the possessor of a well-educated left jab. Zenit, scaling 138, pressed the Britisher all the way.

Silver, 138, from the Whitechapel district of London, fought more along the lines of an American clubfighter. Williams, 137, Tampa, Fla., was an awkward clown who threw wild rights in a sweeping downward chopping motion which landed in rabbit punch style on the neck and shoulders of the crouching Silver. Referee Jed Gahan was a bit too harsh in disqualifying Bobby, although his action met with the approval of the fans. The time was 2:10 of the sixth round. The judges were Gus Galli and Charley Shortell.

Joey Brocato, 130½, East Side, soundly beat Clem Rodriguez, 124½, Puerto Rico, and Phil Thomas, 127, Bronx, stiffened Johnny Marino, 128½, Brooklyn, with a left to the stomach at 1:49 of round five of listed sixes.

Jimmy Mangia, 156½, East Side, stopped Teddy Wilson, 158½, Bronx, at 2:42 of the third, and Al Hirsch, 158, East Side, copped the duke in a four with Gregory Hidalgo, 153, Puerto Rico.

Roman Alvarez, 140, East Side charge of Pete Reilly, outfought sturdy Doug Ratford, 138, of Philadelphia at close range, and also got the best of several slugging exchanges to romp off with a unanimous ten-round decision at the Fort Hamilton Arena.

A crowd of 3,050 paid $4,500. The referee was Jack Watson. Jack Denning and Abe Goldberg were the judges.

All but one of the prelims ended in kayoes. Andy "Buster" Peppe, 173, Greenwich Village, knocked out Billy Beauford, 175, Des Moines, Ia., with a left smash to the stomach in 2:15 of the opening round; Oliver White, 141, New York, stopped Jeff Holloway, New York, in 1:25 of the third, and Jerry Heminger, 159½, Tiffin, Ohio, knocked out Larry Nova, 162, New Haven, Conn., in 2:20 of the opening heat. These were all listed six-rounders.

Ross Anzalone, 144, East Side, disposed of Jim Ushbroy, 146, West Side, in 1:48 of the first, while Billy Murphy, 139, outpointed Charley Finley, 140, New York, in four-round bouts.

The Ridgewood Grove, historic indoor club where Tony Canzoneri was developed, opened its doors for the twenty-first season, and Georgie Kochan, 178, Akron, Ohio, came back after a seven-month layoff to kayo Herbie Katz, 176½, Brooklyn, in 1:31 of the second round of a slated eight-round feature.

Katz won the first round by a shade as he outboxed his rugged foe. In the second, Kochan waded right in, swinging roundhouse rights and lefts to the head and body. Katz went down on his face for a nine-count from a right to the chin. He barely beat the fatal ten on his second trip to the deck, and was counted out by Referee Young Otto after Kochan spilled him again. Joe Agnello and Frank Woessner were the judges. The gross gate was $5780.

Tony Labua, 135½, Ozone Park, L. I., suffered his first pro defeat when Just Johnson, 135½, Brooklyn, came off the canvas to decision Tony in the six-round semi-final.

Freddie Graham, 156, Harlem, stopped Lou Miller, 150, Brooklyn, in 1:55 of the third round of another listed six. Four fours rounded out the card. Eddie Benson, 203¾, Ridgewood, defeated Johnny Willard, 204½, Brooklyn; Joe Brown, 153, Brooklyn, outpointed Johnny Cafarella, 153½, New York; Teddy Wilson, 150, Bronx, decisioned Tony Caruso, 146, Flushing, L. I., and Frankie Thomas, 188½, Harlem, knocked out Samuel Grounds, 175¼, Forest Hills, L. I., in 1:02 of the second round.

Fighting a retreating but clever and effective battle, Tippy Larkin, 139¼, Garfield, N. J., scored his third victory over hustling Willie Joyce, 139, Gary, Ind., buzzsaw, and also retained his hold on the junior welterweight title as recognized by the Massachusetts Boxing Commission, in a good 12-rounder at Madison Square Garden.

Tippy boxed brilliantly throughout the fight, jabbing and moving constantly. At close range he shoved the shuffling Negro off balance, although he was caught with hard rights and lefts. Larkin was very much in command of the situation right down to the seventh round. Tippy compiled a big points lead as he confused Willie by moving from side to side or backward, meanwhile sticking numerous lefts into Joyce's face.

The Garfield gunner tired palpably in the seventh, but outcuted his aggressive adversary to avoid damaging punishment. Several times Joyce trapped Larkin right in the Negro's own corner and hurt Tippy with wicked wallops, but the Jerseyite retaliated with left jabs and slipped many haymakers. The decision was unanimous. Referee Frank Fullam and Judge George Lecron scored it nine and three for Tippy, while Judge Artie Schwartz awarded Larkin ten rounds, Joyce two. A crowd of 13,433 paid $60,500.

Charley Smith, 138, Newark, N. J., protege of Chalky Wright, looked like money from home as he flattened Patsy Spataro, 140¼, Bronx, in the eight-round semi-final. Terrific right uppercuts sent Patsy crashing to the canvas where he was counted out at 2:19 of the second frame.

One of the best prelims seen in the Garden this year went to Tommy Monty, 128½, Brooklyn, as he outpunched Jimmy Corti, 132, Trenton, N. J., in a free-swinging six. Raul Zenit, 139, California, beat Larry Thomas, 133, Philadelphia, in another six. In fours, Freddie Menna, 149, Jamaica, L. I., whipped Tony Bertucci, 154, Brooklyn, and Joe Garcia, 129, Houston, Texas, trounced Harry Dee, 125, Brooklyn.

Additions to All-Time Ring Record Book

AL MELLO
(Afons Mello Travers)

Born, January 31, 1906, Lowell, Mass. Weight, 147 lbs. Nationality, Portuguese-American.

Won National Amateur Welterweight Championship. Represented United States in Olympic games at Paris. Turned professional late in 1924.

KNOCKOUTS

1924—Billy Brewster, 1.
1925—Martin Flaherty, Jr., 5; Frankie Quill, 4; Scoops White, 7; Shaver O'Brien, 1; Phinney Boyle, 1; Bob Lowrie, 5; Eddie Shevlin, 8; Phinney Boyle, 7.
1926—Tony Marto, 1; Johnny Savon, 4.
1927—Eddie "K. O." Roberts, 1; Johnny Mendelsohn, 2; Meyer Cohen, 8; Zack Blanchard, 3; Paul Oulett, 2; Billy Drako, 8.

WON FROM

1924—Shaver O'Brien, 8.
1925—Al Sears, 8; Frankie Quill, 10; Tommy French (foul), 5; Al Sears, 10; Jimmy Jones, 10.
1926—Morrie Schlaeffer, 10; Meyer Cohen, 10; Bob Lowrie, 10; Jack Zivic, 10; Jack Zivic, 10.
1927—George "Kid" Lee, 10; Bobby Brown, 10; Jock Malone, 10.

LOST

1925—Frankie Quill (foul), 5.
1926—George "Kid" Lee, 10.
1927—George Kid Lee, 10; Ace Hudkins, 10.

1928	Rds.
Feb. 27—Ace Hudkins, Boston, Mass	L. Foul 5
June 11—Frankie O'Brien, Hartford, Conn.	L. Foul 4
June 26—Billy Murphy, Boston, Mass.	Won 10
July 17—Joe Schlocker, N. Y. City	K.O. 9
Aug. 20—Canada Lee, Springfield, Mass.	Won 10
Aug. 31—Chas. Donovan, Boston, Mass	T.K.O. 6
Sept. 13—Billy Murphy, Boston, Mass.	K.O. 5
Nov. 7—George Manolian, Boston, Mass.	Won 10
Dec. 20—Vince Dundee, Boston, Mass.	Won 10

1929	Rds.
Jan. 25—Joe Dundee, Boston, Mass.	Won 10
Apr. 12—Joe Dundee, Boston, Mass.	Won 10
May 3—Gorilla Jones, N. Y. City	Lost 10
June 3—Gorilla Jones, Boston, Mass.	K.O. by 6
Nov. 4—Frankie Balde, Salem, Mass.	T.K.O. 5

1942

In U.S. Army.

Killed in Italian Campaign, December 6, 1943.

Corrections to be made in Oakland Billy Smith's record, page 359 of 1946 Record Book.

1943—Eliminate all of the fights listed in that year.

1944—Eliminate the first eight bouts listed through July 4 of that year.

Also: In the 1945 Record, eliminate the following:

Feb. 12, March 2, March 23, and April 2, as these records do not belong to Oakland Billy Smith but to a preliminary boy instead.

In 1943, in record of Young Finnegan, page 139 of 1946 book, make the following change—Sept. 13, Aponte Torres, Panama, W. 10, instead of K.O. 7.

1946

The following corrections should be made to keep your book up-to-date:

Page 181—In George Henry's record, eliminate the entire 1944 bouts which belong to John Henry of Lebanon, Pa., a lightweight.

Page 351—In record of Ruben Shank, add to 1944 bouts:

Jan. 14—Artie Levine, Norfolk—Won 10.

Page 376—In record of John Thomas, 1943, eliminate 29, Billy Wesley, and in December 20 date, change K.O. by 4 to Lost 6.

In 1944 bouts, eliminate March 6 fight with Foster.

Page 164—In record of Billy Graham in 1942 bouts, Oct. 27, make line read:

Mickey La Rosa, Bklyn—KO 5 instead of W. 6.

Page 61—In the record of Johnny "Deacon" Brown in 1943 bouts, remove the Sept. 27 bout with Steve Belloise.

Page 467—In record of Bruce Woodcock, in 1942 record change the date of the fight with Jack Robinson to Aug. 25.

In 1945 bouts change the date and result in the fight with Cal Ronney to read:

May 3—Cal Ronney, London, KO 3.

In Henry Majcher's record add:

1939

Jan. 3—Douglas Berlier, New Orleans	K.O.	7
Jan. 17—Jim Kellar, Baton Rouge	K.O.	7
Feb. 1—Abel Flores, Shreveport	K.O.	8
Feb. 3—Louis Beard, Dallas	K.O.	3
Feb. 10—Jack Glazier, Dallas	W.	10
Feb. 24—Bill McDowell, Dallas	L.	8
May 5—Roger Whittaker, San Diego	W.	4
May 8—Al Jinnings, Santa Barbara	K.O.	2
May 29—Big Boy Hogue, San Diego	L.	8
June 6—Steve Belloise, Los Angeles	L.	4
June 13—Al Williams, Pismo Beach	W.	6
June 26—Joe Castro, Santa Barbara	W.	4
July 14—Jimmy Johnston, El Centro	K.O.	1
July 21—Johnny Verdusco, Hollywood	K.O.	1
Aug. 7—Chico Romo, Santa Barbara	L.	10
Aug. 18—Bobby Espinosa, San Diego	W.	4
Aug. 25—Johnny Verdusco, Hollywood	K.O.	1
Sept.—Chico Romo, Los Angeles	D.	6
Sept. 8—Roger Whittaker, San Diego	W.	4
Oct. 17—Jesse James, San Bernardino	W.	8
Oct. 24—Al Smith, Los Angeles	D.	6
Oct. 27—Al Gonzales, San Diego	W.	4
Nov. 13—Eddie Booker, San Francisco,	K.O. by	7

1940

Apr. 5—Chico Romo, Hollywood	D.	4
Apr. 26—Chico Romo, Hollywood	L.	4
July 19—Larry Cisneros, Hollywood	L.	4

1941

Mar. 6—Earl Fredericks, Baltimore	K.O.	2
Mar. 13—Billy Carrigan, Baltimore	L.	6
July 2—Alfred Barja, New York	W.	4

IN TACOMA, WASHINGTON
By HOMER AMUNDSEN

JOHNNY MILLER, Stockton California featherweight, now making Tacoma his boxing headquarters, gives promise of developing into a Pacific Northwest gate magnate. Johnny, an Army dischargee five months ago from the China-Burma-India Theater of War, was a sensation in this section of the globe where the 22-year-old youngster won the featherweight and lightweight titles. Miller, in his training chores at the Amundsen Gymnasium quarters is causing considerable conversation among the Tacoma fight fans, and some predict Miller a future possible choice for world featherweight honors from the great Pacific-Northwest.

Quite a number of Tacoma boxers are becoming well acquainted with Vancouver, B. C., fight fans. Promoter Gene Mason of the Canadian City is always well pleased with the showings of the boys from the Puget Sound vicinity. Mr. Mason has an eye on Johnny Miller who a month ago scored a first round knock-out on the dapper Mr. Mason's fistic venture, and foresees a possible turn away crowd pleaser.

At Everett, Washington, 17-year-old Dave Davey, promising Tacoma heavyweight, chalked up another straight ring victory. The youngster's future ring career will be slowed down considerably due to his youth.

Harold P. Bird, Tacoma business man of great popularity, has found himself a heavyweight. Harold's young White Hope stands 6 feet 6 inches in height, weighs 217 pounds and is twenty-one years of age. The lad's name is Bill Little. Little recently discharged from the U.S. Marines did a little boxing while in the Service. Bird held the welterweight title of the 91st Division in the Army in World War One, also acting as boxing instructor under former lightweight champion Willie Ritchie.

A couple of seasons back much publicity and hullabaloo was given a 13-year-old youngster by the name of Nutall, who gave promise of exceptional boxing ability. At the moment Tacoma can boast of such a youngster. The tyke's name is Dan "Sparky" Hitchcock 14 years of age. Johnny Miller, the sensational featherweight boxer, has adopted young Dan as a boxing protege with the padded mitts.

Eddie Powell, a Negro 175-pounder from Seattle, has moved his training gear into the Amundsen for a prospective ring season. Powell, perhaps the best big fellow in the Northwest, finds it hard at times to get ring action, due to his terrific punching ability. Some enterprising Northwest promoter would do all right for himself, if a match between Powell, the pleasant Negro boy, and Joe Kahut, the Oregon State heavyweight champion, could be signed up.

Donnie Bush, now with the army of occupation in Japan, won the 140-pound title for the 28th Division on a tremendous service tournament in Kobe, Sequse vicinity. The Army Brass hats of the 28th Division would like the nineteen-year-old Bush to journey to Tokyo and try for the all over-seas lightweight title. Donnie expects to be out of the service before many months and return to his native Tacoma where he will resume his boxing career in proper surroundings.

Young Al Davis, Tacoma, 140-pounder, seems to be doing all right for himself when it comes to chalking up continuous ring victories. The sharp-hitting Tacoma kid has scored seven straight victories over pretty fair Pacific Northwest fighters. Davis is a good card at Mickey Connelly's Everett fight spot.

Buster Arnestad, 17-year-old Tacoma 135-pounder, who did quite well in Tacoma and Seattle amateur boxing circles some few months ago, will turn his future boxing efforts into the money ranks. Buster makes his first "pro" start in Vancouver, B. C., in a four-rounder.

FIGHTS IN PHOENIX
By LARRY JONAS

MAYOR RAY BUSEY has invited all Phoenix sports scribes, both press and radio, to meet with him and to map out plans for a new commission setup. Results should be highly gratifying, since the newspaper gentry has no political axes to grind and is interested only in the betterment of boxing in Phoenix. This corner doffs its battered chapeau to courageous Mayor Busey for his efforts to correct an obnoxious condition, and for permitting the members of the Fourth Estate to assist him in the process. An accolade goes also to Nat Fleischer, whose editorial comments in THE RING on the sorry boxing situation in Phoenix was mainly responsible for the demand that the boxing commission be ousted.

Chino Alonzo, who is one of the local Garden's chief drawing cards, found the going plenty rough last month. The Chinese-Mexican flash (in the pan?) dropped a close one to Chino Carvajal on one card, and two weeks later bowed to the Texas Kid.

In the former encounter, Alonzo, who weighed 132 to Carvajal's 134, forged to the front in the early stages of the eight-round fight, but faded as the battle progressed. At that, the lightweights gave the crowd its money's worth. On the same card, Noble Johnson, 125, flattened Lee Sherman in the third round. Willie Williams and Lester Shumway, middleweights, went the distance of four rounds, with Shumway winning as he pleased. In a special featherweight event, Tony Best, substituting for Ciro Zurita, was K.O.'ed in the third by Ramero Lopez. Johnny Moran and Cowboy Doug Smith, middleweights, slugged it out for six rounds with Moran chalking up an easy decision.

The big noise on the Alonzo-Texas Kid card was limited strictly to the main event. The Texas Kid, who wasn't pressed too hard in decisioning Alonzo, is a cutie with the mitts although his punch is anything but lethal. We scored the Kid as walking off with four of the eight rounds, with two of them being even.

The semi-final affair was a six-round waltz between welterweights Charlie Salas and Flash Gordon. Salas won the decision, but both boxers were suspended for 60 days by the Phoenix Boxing Commission for an "unsatisfactory performance."

In the middleweight encounter between Willie Williams and Billy Lee, Williams was disqualified by the Boxing Commission—not the referee, mind you—in the third round for butting! In Phoenix anything can happen. Billy Shelton, 141, decisioned Shandu, 142, in four rounds, and in another four-rounder Ruffy Brunner, 134, defeated Billy Sparks, 131. In the opening four-round contest, Noble Johnson, 127, K.O.'ed Dick Norton, 130, in the final round.

Frank Cerna, who looks better each time he shows here, made short shrift of Bobcat Lee in their recent contest. Cerna, who weighed 153, outfought Lee in the first round and in the second he opened an old cut over Lee's left eye, causing the gash to bleed freely. The medico then stepped into the picture and called the proceedings at an end. It goes into the record book as a second round T.K.O. against Bobcat Lee, who weighed 150.

In the semi-final affair, Tony Martin K.O.'ed Bob Owens in the first, after being on uneasy street himself for about half a minute. Both boys are heavyweights. Martin, who is the heavyweight champion of Arizona, can pitch but he can't catch. Willie Williams, 151, stopped Billy Lee, in the fifth round of a six-round affair. Ramon Castro, 138, decisioned Billy Shelton, 141, in the opening four-rounder.

Mickey Cohen, whose habitat is New York, was given the big buildup treatment here for his bout with the Texas Kid. The welterweight affair was scheduled for eight rounds, but came to an abrupt halt in the fourth with Cohen on the canvas, a victim of the Kid's body punches.

The crowd got a terrific bang out of the semi-final event between Johnny Moran and Tony Prado, middleweights. For a round and a half, Prado regaled the crowd with his artful dodging and fancy footwork, but came the second round of the six-round contest and Prado ran into trouble and Moran simultaneously. He hit the floor just before the bell rang, and between rounds the club doctor, after a quick examination, advised the commission to call the fight off. The fight was declared "no contest," with Prado dodging the expected suspension rap. Billy Sparks, 129, K.O.'ed Mickey O'Hara, 125, in the third, and Willie Williams, 155, eked out a four-round decision over Billy Shelton, 142. Lester Shumway, 160, flattened Slug Harrison, 162, in the second, and in the opening affair Noble Johnson, 122½, decisioned Mexican Buddy Taylor, 118, in four.

SLUGGING IN SAVANNAH
By JULIAN SILVER

WITH bad luck hounding Buster White, local promoter, the Victory Sports Club staged three boxing cards. On one card Tommy "Rocky" Gargano was matched with Harvey Rhoden. Gargano, a tough young Marine, who throws a left hook that whizzes like a freight train, proved too much for the Jacksonville boy. Rhoden hit the canvas seven times before he was counted out in the ninth round.

In the semi-finals, Jackie Blount, just out of a sick bed, spotted Eddie Kiernan, young Marine, 10 pounds, and to top it off, received a low blow in the third round which necessitated the judges giving Blount a rest before the action was resumed. Blount was awarded the decision.

In the biggest surprise of the night, a round house right thrown by Lester O'Brien in the first round had Johnny Britenbruk stretched flatter than a rug. Breitenbruk got over the knockdown and quickly finished O'Brien. The young Marine was awarded a T.K.O. in the fourth round.

In his second professional fight, Elmer Smith, popular young Savannahian, knocked out Bob Wingate in the third.

Mickey Dunne and Luke Howard boxed one round and Referee Joe McGee stopped the fight.

On another card Al Reid was pitted against "Sugar" Ray Delgado in the feature. The Cuban speedster received a cut over the eye in the fourth round and the Boxing Commission's Doctor ordered the bout stopped.

Pearson DeLoach, a local boy, substituted for Jackie Blount and lost the decision.

Elmer Smith, Savannah's most promising fighter, was knocked down by Morris Moody in the first round, but dropped Moody for the ten count in the second round.

Jackie Carroll, a stablemate of Blount, won a decision over Terry Lee in a six-rounder.

Billy Brown and Willie Lynah, two Negro boys, went four rounds in the opener, with Brown gaining the decision.

In a double feature, Sid Rochester, 140-pound deaf mute, stopped Jack Lisle of Savannah, in the second round. In the other half, Floyd Shiflett won a decision over Irish Eddie Keirnan.

Dinty O'Connell, 130, protege of Billy Dyer, won over Bert Williams in a six-rounder.

Billy Hannon won over Jackie Carroll.

Elmer Smith had little trouble in flattening Rockie Rhoden in the first round.

Walt (Fag) Simmons journeyed to Tampa, Florida, and lost a bout with Orlando Fernandez.

Elmer Smith, the most sensational fighter to come out of Savannah since the heydays of Dick Leonard and Pinkey Mays, has won his four professional fights by knockouts.

Any fighters wishing to appear on cards staged here should contact writer at 119 Washington Avenue, Savannah, Georgia.

DENVER AND VICINITY
By W. G. (BILL) THOMAS, JR.

THE Colorado Lightweight championship bout between Ted (Mustang) Garcia of Denver and Freddy Taylor of Erie, Colorado, was the best fight seen in Denver in years. Both boys went at a terrific clip for the entire 15 rounds. Garcia got the well-earned decision and was presented the State Championship Belt by Lt. Gov. William E. Higby.

In the six-round semi-final, James J. Cox, Dallas lightweight, who has been knocking off all comers around Denver, scored a two-round T.K.O. over the hard punching Jimmy Walker of Lowry Field.

If Promoter Champ Thomas can continue to give Denver fight fans shows of this type, Denver may again become the Fight Capital of the Rockies.

Promoter Red Ryan has been staging shows in Cheyenne, Wyoming. In his last one on September 2, Rudy Barrett, Chicago lightweight, knocked out Freddie Britt, Portland, Oregon, in the third round after surviving three knockdowns in the first two rounds. Joe Danos, Denver welter, knocked out Eddie Freitag in the second round with a terrific left to the midsection.

Promoter Bud Smith of Rocky Ford, Colorado, is getting set to run semi-monthly shows. . . . Ted Garcia, veteran southpaw, will give any lightweight in the business a tough evening. . . . Ruben Shank is in training after a lay-off. . . . Joe Danos, southpaw puncher, just out of the amateurs, is going good as a pro. He has scored three straight K.O.'s. . . . James J. Cox, fiery little slugger, made a great hit in Omaha on September 2, by beating Clayton Johnson. . . . Veteran Trainer Rudy Rosenberg has a stable of boys working out of Denver. . . . Wrestling Promoter George Zaharias continues to show to capacity crowds each week.

Polio has put a damper on the boxing game in Colorado. There have been over 500 cases to date and the State Health Board has banned all children under 14 from appearing at public gatherings. There have been 34 deaths in the state. As a result of the ban the A.A.U. and the East Side Athletic Club abandoned contemplated shows. Professional bouts have not been interfered with except keeping children from attending.

Promoter George Zaharias and his wrestlers continue to pack the Mammoth Gardens every Monday night. Mildred Burke and Juanita Coffman drew standing room recently and the last two shows featured the Blimp. He, too, packed 'em in.

Eddie W. Bohn, vice chairman of the Colorado Commission, represented Colorado at the national convention of the N.B.A. He was made regional vice-president under the new N.B.A. set up with territory covering Colorado, Utah, Arizona and New Mexico. The death of a fighter at Salt Lake City is going to result in the passage of a law creating a Commission in Utah. Arizona is also in the fold again and Bohn will do his best to get New Mexico to create a Commission.

Pueblo is soon to start boxing programs. Wrestling has gone over big for a long time and the shows will be alternated.

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BUFFALO, N. Y.
By HUGH SHANNON

WILLIE PEP, world's featherweight champion, outclassed game and willing Walter Kolby at the Auditorium and gained a technical K.O. over the local lad when Referee Luke Carr humanely stepped in and halted the bout in the fifth round of what was to have been a ten-rounder. Early in the bout Kolby sustained a cut eye which bothered him and Pep hated to hit the youngster after he had him licked. A big crowd saw the Hudson Club's show . . . about 7500 were present for a gross gate of over $12,000.

Other bouts on the card follow: Henry Brimm, 161, knocked out Art Hardy, 159, of Pittsburgh, in the second; Allen Faulkner, 151, decisioned Ben Franklin, 149, also of Pittsburgh in six; Mitchell Steklof, 6 ft. 6 in. tall, and weighing 230, pounded out a verdict over Stan Myka of Buffalo, 193, in another six; Billy Adams, 169, of Buffalo, triumphed over Billy Pataopolous, 171, of Cleveland, also in six rounds and Billy Sully, 175, of Buffalo knocked out Ray Hale, 182½, also of this city, in the first round.

Indications point to a busy season for boxing here. With the Fairview A.C. and the Hudson Club seeking the best talent available and such cards as Lee Oma, Joe Matisi, Phil Muscato, Bill Weinberg, Tommy Gomez and Willie Pep available Buffalo will see some standout matches before mid-winter.

Arturo Godoy, Chilean heavyweight, won over Cyclone Williams, St. Louis, Buffalo Negro heavyweight, in a good battle which headlined Jack Singer's boxing show.

Referee Lou Scozza and Judge Eddie Schellerman voted for Godoy and Willie De James cast the dissenting decision. He gave Williams 6 rounds and Godoy only four. It looked a lot different to your correspondent and the other officials who voted Godoy seven and eight rounds.

Williams put up a swell fight and satisfied the crowd. Promoter Singer believes that Cyclone can fight topnotch heavyweights and the powerful Negro boy will get more main bouts as the season goes on.

Results in prelim bouts follow: Prentiss Hall, 169, Buffalo, knocked out Art Hardy, 157½, Buffalo, sixth round; Allen Faulkner, 150½, Buffalo, decisioned Sammy Mack, 154, Columbus, O., six rounds; Vic Eisen, 116½, Buffalo, knocked out Scott Ramage, 119, third round; George Teague, 150½, Buffalo, defeated Jimmy Lee, Buffalo, 150, four rounds. About 4500 fans saw the show.

The K.O. defeat of Tommy Gomez at the hands of Jersey Joe Walcott was a surprise to Buffalonians. Gomez is a big favorite here. He knocked out Phil Muscato and impressed fight fans and boxing experts. Tommy will still draw big here when he comes back.

In the Fairview Club's feature attraction, Phil Muscato knocked out Jackie Cranford of Washington in jig time. Cranford was down, almost before he held up his hands and Referee Luke Carr was ready to halt the match but the crowd roared for action and Carr let the fighters continue. They were only fighting another minute or so when Cranford went down twice and Carr automatically stopped the bout. Cranford demanded and got another chance. This will happen before these lines appear in print so we'll tell more about the second fight next month.

In other bouts on the FAC card, Talmadge Bussey, the belting Detroit Negro lightweight, knocked out Art Terryo of Toronto in the third round of a smashing bout. Terryo has had Bussey down for a nine count and almost out but the Michigan scrapper came back fighting strong and was able to belt out a K.O. win. Jack Garrett, 168, Detroit, whipped Bobby Dare, 167, Buffalo, six rounds; Ted Bussey, 140, Detroit, stopped Eli Troop, 150, Buffalo, second round; Jack McCurry, 170, Buffalo, K.O.'ed Ray Hale, 179, Buffalo, second round; Jimmy Hayden, 163, San Francisco, won by K.O. from Johnny Lomax, 162, New York, second round. Gross gate receipts were $5571. About 4000 saw the show.

Buffalo is one of the best boxing towns in the country. Good boxers of all weights, who have experience, and are without managerial tieups should write Hugh Shannon, 144 Wallace Ave., Buffalo, N. Y. Heavyweight fighters are especially in great demand.

Jerry Monahan, matchmaker for the Great Lakes Club, who has been ill, is rapidly regaining strength and will be ready to work with his partner, Jack Herman, in the operation of weekly wrestling shows. . . . The grapple game should have a big season in Buffalo and cities nearby.

Although Buffalo has two boxing clubs now and four gymnasiums, there is talk around that Charlie Murray will get back into boxing promotion. . . . The Queensberry Club, which Murray represents, is the oldest in New York state. . . . A group would also like to take a fling at boxing under the Arena A.A. charter. . . . What Buffalo really needs is new fighting talent, more than more promoters. . . . Like every place else, a fighter who can win and satisfy the fans, will get big money in these parts. . . . Bert Finch, well-posted manager, has a couple of new boxers coming up this fall. . . . One of them is a heavyweight. . . . Bert would also like to send Mike Martyk to Minneapolis for a shot at Jackie Graves. . . . Martyk was beaten by Willie Pep before a $10,000 house but Mike was not disgraced. . . . He gave Pep as good a fight as most of the other featherweights who try their wares against the peppery champion. . . . They all lose to Willie Pep! . . . Johnny Toti has Prentiss Hall going along nicely . . . the fast Negro light-heavyweight will soon be ready for tougher opponents . . . "Little Giant" Horace Lefwich is still on the Pacific Coast. . . . Johnny Green has quit his old manager, Jackie Pyne.

Jimmy Edgar, high-ranking Detroit middleweight, won a decision over Jimmy Hayden of San Francisco in ten rounds at the Fairview Club's show.

NORTHERN NEW JERSEY BOXING NEWS
By LEWIS ESKIN

RESULTS for the month—Roosevelt Stadium, Union City. Vince Fratello, 164, Hackensack, evened the score with Billy Cooper, 162, Paterson, by decisively outpunching him in the 9-round feature bout. Bernie Reynolds, 177, Cliffside Park heavyweight, K.O.'ed Georgie Heywood, 175, N. Y. C., 8. Al Raino, 148, Nutley, K.O.'ed Harry Holton, 153, Bayonne, in one; Walter Peddie, 134, Jersey City, K.O.'ed Walter Jordan, 134, Greenwood Lake, in one; Rusty Fewl, 146, Jersey City, outpointed Len Holton, 146, St. Louis, Mo., 4.

Joe Curcio, 151, Newark southpaw, K.O.'ed Mike Bullock, 154, N. Y. C., 9; Archie Devino, 129, Newark, outpointed Bernie Bernard, 129¼, Newark, 6; Sal Cantor, 128, Newark, K.O.'ed Joey Craromella, 120, Brooklyn, 5; Buddy Fitzgerald, 139¼, Jersey City, K.O.'ed Len Holton, 141, St. Louis, 2; Willie Hayes, 180, North Bergen, K.O.'ed George Reade, 191, Paterson, 3.

Vince Fratello, 169½, Hackensack, K.O.'ed Johnny King, 154½, Harlem, 3; Lou Angelo, 156¼, Bayonne, K.O.'ed Roberto Monez, 151¼, Puerto Rico, 2; Eddie White, 136, Jersey City, K.O.'ed Lew Daniels 132½, N. Y. C., in one; Walter Peddie, 134¼, Jersey City, K.O.'ed Joe Ciarmsella, 132¼, Brooklyn, in one; Ray Dunovan, 210, Gutenberg, K.O.'ed Jimmy Valentine, 182, East Orange, in one.

Sal Richie, 149½, Brooklyn, easily outpointed Charley Howard, 148¼, Pittsburgh, in 8. Henry Hall, 173, New Orleans, outslugged Willie Hayes, 178, North Bergen, 6. Billy Beauford, 177, N. Y. C., T.K.O.'ed Ray Dunovan, 211, Gutenberg, 4. Tommy Slone, 140, Washington, D. C., K.O.'ed Buddy Fitzgerald, 138, Jersey City, 4. Walter Jordan, 132, Greenwood Lake, outpointed Jack Pitts, 128½, Philadelphia, 4. Tiger Jack, 141, N. Y. C., outpointed Ray Ellis, 137, Bronx, 4.

Best prospect of the month was Billy Kilroy, Paterson, middleweight, who since turning pro is undefeated, and who scored one of the season's big upsets in outpointing B. B. Boucher.

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CANADIAN MARITIME NEWS
By C. W. STEELE

HARRY HURST, stiff-socking Montreal welterweight, stopped Willy Moore, Boston, in the sixth in St. Stephen, N.B. Hurst and Moore fought one of the best bouts ever witnessed in the border town. In the six-round semi-final Young Ross, Saint John, decisioned Tiger Thompson, also of Saint John.

Duke Hodd, Saint John, shaded Merlin Gauthier also of St. John in six heats, and Tommy O'Leary chilled "Kid" Christanen in the fourth of a scheduled six-round bout.

Ace McClosky, Charlottetown, stopped Morris Coultier of Cambridge, Mass., in the third round of the feature bout in New Glasgow, N.S., middleweights. In the semi-final six, classy Duke Henderson, Sydney, decisioned Pat Phillips, Saint John, middleweights. In the curtain raiser Kid LeBlanc, Pictou, decisioned Ronnie McIasic, New Waterford.

Bill Tordiglione, Boston, stopped Ralph Walton, Montreal, in the third of a scheduled ten in Halifax, N.S. The boy with the long name made short work of the highly touted Walton who was decked three times before being belted out of the picture. They are welterweights. George Ross, New Waterford's welterweight, iced Irish Eddie Murphy, Montreal, in the third of the six-round semi-windup. Alvin Upshaw, Halifax middleweight, stopped Billy Miller, Montreal, in the third round of a scheduled six-round affair. In the curtain raiser Slugger Weagle, Lunenburg, and Rocky Steeves, Saint John, battled to a draw.

Bull Montana, Boston, and Bull Curry, Detroit, a pair of wrestlers who have engaged each other in some terrific wrestling matches, settled their feud with the gloves, matched in a ten-round bout at the Halifax Arena which was the feature attraction of the regular wrestling card. Curry stopped Montana in the fourth round of an action-packed bout, before a turnaway crowd.

In the wrestling feature of the show, Sal Balbo and Len Hughes wrestled to a draw, neither being able to obtain a fall in the regular time limit. In the opener, Harry Taylor, Halifax, won the lone fall which saw Mike Kondas disqualified for slugging the referee.

Silent Jimmy Anest, New York, won the unanimous ten-round decision over Ralph Walton, Montreal, in a great scrap at Sydney, N.S. Tony Odo, New Waterford, stopped Marcel Gagnon, Montreal, in the fourth. Young Ashade, Glace Bay, belted out Pawnee Cormier, New Waterford, in the sixth and final round and Lenny Ryan stopped "Kid" McEarchen in one round.

Doug Carter of Bloomfield, N. J., won over Juan Carrero, Puerto Rico, in the feature attraction at the Miners Forum, Glace Bay, N.S., in ten rounds. Carrero was decked in the seventh and ninth rounds, roared back like a wildcat but could not catch the elusive Carter. Carter has engaged in five contests in Canada, winning a ten-round decision over Joe Pyle, Bobby MacIntire and Juan Carrero, and holding Gus Mell and Harry Hurst to a draw at Montreal.

Benny Dean, a stablemate of Carter, won an easy decision over Charlie Pyle, New Waterford, in the sixth semi-final. Young Ashade, Glace Bay, belted out Kid Dupuis, Saint John, in round one and popular Jim Alvin "Jimmy" Upshaw, Halifax, pounded out a six-round decision over Joey Nemis, New Waterford. Promoter Marty MacDonald.

Red MacPherson, New Waterford, stopped Freddy Wilson, New Glasgow, in an action-packed bout at the New Glasgow Arena, the bout scheduled for ten rounds ended in the eighth with Wilson out for the count. Middleweights. In the semi-finals, six, Young MacEwan, and Grant West battled to a draw. Chuck Ormond shaded Reg Myers and Ikie Wilson drew with Harry Hall.

"Bearcat" Jackson of New Glasgow stopped Dave Perry of Ontario in the sixth round of the feature attraction at the Highland Stadium, New Glasgow, N.S. They are heavyweights. John MacDonald, New Glasgow, stopped Ray MacDonald, Stellarton, in the second round. Ernie Mason decisioned Leonard Sarson, Red McPhail shaded Billy McCarthy and the curtain raiser between Angus and Garnet Grant was a draw.

Benny Woods, Saint John, stopped Ollie Geldhart, New Waterford, in the eighth round in Saint John, N.B. Courtnay Graham, of Puerto Rico, chilled "Kid" Snow, Halifax, in the second round. Adam Dupuis decisioned "Duke" Hodd and Al Leaver stopped Oscar Leaver in the third round.

Merlin Gauthier, Saint John's fighting tar, knocked out Jackie Conrad of Lewiston, Maine, in the third round in St. Stephen, N.B., welterweights. In the semi-final six, "Duke" Hodd, Saint John, decisioned Benny Fontaine of Dalhousie, N.B. Roy Ross copped the duke over Gerard Ginnet of Bathurst in six rounds and Lloyd Reese decisioned Arthur Dubal in the opener. Kid Lavigne drew with Doran Lavigne.

Benny Woods, Saint John lightweight, stopped Leo Methot, Montreal, in twenty seconds, including the count. The bout in the Saint John Forum was just five seconds underway when Woods unleashed his Sunday Punch, a right hand shot to the whiskers which put the lights out for Methot. This was the fastest K.O. ever scored in the Maritimes.

Al Foreman, now a boxing promoter in Montreal, who in his prime was feather and junior lightweight champion of the British Empire scored the quickest K.O. in the history of Canadian boxing when he belted out Ruby Levine at Montreal in twelve seconds including the count.

In the scheduled eight-round semi-windup, Courtnay Graham, Puerto Rico, chilled Merlin Gauthier, Saint John, in six rounds. Al Leaver stopped Henry Dupuis in the second round and "Duke" Hood won via a knockout over Adam Dupuis in round two.

Courtnay Graham, of Puerto Rico, stiffened Tommy O'Leary in the second round at St. Stephen, N.B. Adam Dupuis iced "Kid" Breau in round one of the six-round semi-final. The other two bouts rounded out the show. Bill Lewis decisioned "Kid" Snow and Henry Dupuis stopped Dave Hughes in the second.

Bill Landry, 160, Moncton, stopped Ruby Reinburg, 162, Montreal, in the eighth round at Moncton, N.B. This was the second boxing show to be staged in Moncton this season.

Floyd Hogan, Saint John, decisioned Billy MacLaughlan in the five-round feature of an amateur card in Saint John, N.B.

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IN INDIANAPOLIS RINGS
By ANTHONY COPPI

TWO new Indiana champions were crowned in Richmond during the past month, Willie Jones, Gary Negro, gained a technical knockout in the seventh round of a scheduled ten-rounder against Bud Cottey, Indianapolis, to capture the state featherweight title. Bill Cummings, Indianapolis, won the state bantamweight diadem by knocking out Tuffy Fairfield, also local, in 21 seconds of the eighth round, slated for ten sessions.

Bob Simmons, Indianapolis' classiest fighter, won his 19th victory in 20 starts before local fight fans at the Sports Arena by outpointing Herschel Joiner, Cincinnati welterweight, in ten fast rounds. Simmons, with an eight-pound weight advantage, took an early lead with a two-fisted barrage and won by unanimous decision. He cut Joiner's left eye in the third but no knockdowns were scored by either battler. Simmons weighed in at 153, Joiner 145.

Heavyweights appeared in the semi-windup with Allan Small, Elwood, winning over Dan Raisor, Indianapolis, in six rounds. Small had the best of the infighting and kept a safe retreat from Raisor's haymakers.

The top five-rounder featured Tommy Byron and Buddy Noel, local lightheavies, in a free-swinging scrap that ended in the fourth session with Noel counted out at the 2:15 mark.

In other bouts Buddy Jones, Indianapolis welter, scored a T.K.O. over Mac Myers, also of this city at 1:30 of the fourth canto of a scheduled five, and Doyle Upchurch, Muncie, won a hard-fought decision over Frank Mayo, Cincinnati lightweight.

Doyle Upchurch, former Muncie, Ind., golden gloves standout, is the latest addition to Gene Jackson's fighting stable. Church, a lightweight, has won his first two pro scraps. Other members of Jackson's 30th St. gym are Chuck DuRee and Dan Raisor, heavyweights, and Ollie Upchurch, a middleweight.

Johnny Denson, Indianapolis heavyweight, and Clarence Brown, Detroit, battled to a 12-round draw before a rain drenched crowd at the local outdoor Sports Arena. Fighting on a canvas made slick by the rain, Denson took an early lead but faltered in the latter rounds when the husky Detroiter rallied to earn a draw verdict. Both punchers threw heavy blows to the body with the infighting on an even basis.

The Denson-Brown brawl was advanced on the card with the result that the semi-windup, scheduled between Speedy Williams, Chicago, and Jimmy Graham, Louisville, which was to have followed, was rained out.

Sid Peak, Louisville heavyweight, knocked out Dave Ashley of Cincinnati, when the Kentuckian rushed in with a two-fisted attack that spelled curtains in 35 seconds of the first round.

Tommy Byron, local lightheavy, scored a knockout at the expense of Benny Colson, Cincinnati, at 1:17 of the third round. Arnold Deer, Indianapolis middleweight, was beaten all the way in a five-rounder against Jack Beatty, Cincinnati.

The South Side Community Center amateur boxing team coached by Gene Bland boasts a record unequaled in the Midwest. In inter-city bouts against strong opponents they have been undefeated, having met teams from Louisville (twice), Peoria, Ill., Decatur, Ill., Stokleyville, Ind., and Lafayette, Ind. Bland is a former outstanding football and basketball star at Butler University. He also campaigned in local rings as a pro heavyweight. Teams in nearby cities wishing to compete against a strong amateur aggregation may contact this writer who will forward the mail to Bland.

Clarence Brown, Detroit heavyweight, carried too many big guns for Sid Peak, young Louisville belter, and gained a unanimous decision over the Kentuckian at the Sports Arena in ten rounds. Using a right hand to the body as his chief weapon, Brown floored his opponent four times, once in the first and second rounds and twice in the fifth. Peak had been advanced to a main spot after winning three bouts here by early K.O.'s.

James Sherron, 148, Indianapolis, had little trouble in winning all the way over Clinton Brooks, 145, also local, and gained a technical knockout in the fourth round of the semi-windup, scheduled for six.

Best bout on the card was a light-heavyweight slugfest between Tommy Byron of Indianapolis, and Fred Cinereski of Chicago. Byron won the decision although he lost one round on a foul (butting). His two-fisted attack had Cinereski down four times in the six-round scrap.

Garfield Foster, slender local lightheavy, scored a T.K.O. over Chuck DuRee in the second round of a scheduled four. Sammy Brown, 129, Louisville, decisioned Curtis Brown, local lightweight, in a four-round opener.

RING SCRAPS—Tex Penny, Franklin, Indiana, is seeking a berth as a boxing coach or instructor. A former Golden Gloves official in Chicago, Penny recently was discharged from the army. He coached teams at Chanute Field, Kearns, Utah, and Santa Ana, Calif., having the top service outfit on the Pacific coast last winter. . . . Archie Hindman, Indiana boxing czar, attended the N.B.A. annual convention in Cleveland last month. . . . Bob Simmons, local welterweight, usually on the win side of most of his bouts, dropped a close eight-round decision to Art Brown in Chicago. . . . James Sherron, another local welter who doubles as chauffeur for Governor Gates, also dropped a decision on the same card to Pat Kelly of Detroit. . . . While on a two-weeks' vacation this writer dropped in to witness fight cards in St. Louis and Richmond, Ind. . . . Lou Thomas, former local heavyweight, operates a popular nightspot here known as The Balkan Club. . . . This corner's address is 1325 E. Tabor St. Indianapolis 3, Ind.

PROFILE (number 15 in a series of interviews with local boxing personalities). Recent appointee to the judges' staff of the State Boxing Commission is Bob Stranahan, assistant sports editor of the Indianapolis *Times*. Stranahan was added to the officials' staff after proving he was a competent judge on several occasions when he was called on to fill in by the commission. He is known as the 'Ole Kunnell,' a monicker he picked up on his first newspaper job with the New Castle (Ind.) *Courier* where he conducted a basketball column. Stranahan then went to the Indianapolis *Star* where he became one of the top basketball writers in the state. After serving with that paper for six years he moved to the United Press as night manager of their local bureau. He was later hired by the *Times* to write boxing, hockey, pro-basketball and nearly all other sports. Stranahan was born in Grant County, Indiana, and attended Indiana University, where he studied journalism. He performs a double duty on fight nights, i.e., judging the fights and covering the bouts for his paper. Although boxing is one of his favorite sports he excelled in basketball and track in his school days.

MINNESOTA NEWS
By BILLY COLBERT

DULUTH, Minnesota, has two good professional boxers in Roger Charf, a bantamweight, and Art Lambert, a welterweight.

George De Gideo, a very good featherweight, now is the manager of Dick Grant, Minneapolis heavyweight.

Honeyboy Conroy is the manager of Willie Jones, heavyweight from St. Paul.

Wild Cat Mason, a great little lightweight 15 years ago, has a good batch of amateur boxers working out at the Christ Church Club in St. Paul.

Earl Kane, coach of the De La Salle High School boxers, has two good boys in the Flanagan brothers. He is planning on turning them pro and Glen will make his debut on the next St. Paul show.

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Mike (Hamburger) Hagan, younger brother of Floyd, has reenlisted in the Army and is now stationed at Jefferson Barracks, Mo.

Tony Stecher, the Minneapolis promoter, is planning a busy season. Tony is a great fellow and respected by everybody in the boxing game.

Newton Scott, South St. Paul promoter, is busy lining up some cards for South St. Paul.

Solly Goldstein, Minneapolis, who has managed a lot of heavyweights around the Northwest during the last 25 years, can be seen at all the fights in the Northwest. He is a great booster of boxing.

Floyd Hagan, St. Paul lightweight, has been winning all his fights since going under the management of Tommy O'Loughlin. You can bet all the tea in China that Tom will get him in a top spot in a very short time.

One of the best prospects in the amateur ranks, is Dick Bigley, a former service man who has been winning all his fights since getting out of the service. He is a lightweight.

Bob Van Drake, former boxer and sparring partner of Lee Savold, just out of the service, is now going to be a promoter. He is in charge of the Legion Club in West St. Paul and plans a show once a month featuring amateurs.

Gene Fredrickson, pride of North St. Paul, is busy training for a lot of action this season.

Johnny Ertle and Mike Ertle have one of the best taverns in Stillwater, Minn. Both are well liked by everybody and Johnny has a heavyweight who he is training and predicts a great future for him.

The first Old Timers' Night since 1941 had a turnout of 5000 persons. Most of St. Paul's greats were there. Among them were Tom Gibbons, the man who let Jack Dempsey stay 15 rounds with him. Mike O'Dowd, who was middleweight champ of the world, and My Sullivan, who was master of ceremonies.

The last boxing show in Minnesota was the Pep-Graves card in Minneapolis on July 25. Promoter Tony Stecher doesn't plan on a card until October.

Jim Fogarty put on another amateur card at Belle Plain recently. Jack Gibbons was the referee, doing a very good job. He was a pretty fair boxer in his day. He holds a ten-round decision over Tony Zale.

LITTLE RHODY'S FISTIC HIGHLIGHTS
By EDDIE BECK

ARCADIA—Jimmy Sheppard, 159½, Chicago, won a ten-round decision over Gene Farland, 159¼, Cranston. Al Pinel, 156, New Bedford, stopped Norman Audette, 162, Fall River, in the fifth round of a scheduled six-rounder. Eddie Gibbs, 123, Fall River, T.K.O.'ed Jerry King, 130, Providence, in the second round of a scheduled four-rounder. Bobby Burton, 144½, Providence, T.K.O.'ed Frank Lonbardi, 144, Marlboro, in the second round of a scheduled four-rounder.

Auditorium—Sandy Saddler, 130½, New York, K.O.'ed Dom Amoroso, 132½, New Jersey, in the second round of a scheduled ten-rounder. Harry Hintlian, 135½, Worcester, won an unanimous decision over Johnny Priest, 137, Cambridge, in an eight-rounder. Henry Kid Briere, 133, Putnam, Conn., K.O.'ed Irish Billy Arnold, 126, Fall River, in the first round of a scheduled six-rounder. Billy Hacket, 146, Jamaica, N. Y., won a decision over Rockey Valente, 141¼, Providence, in a six-rounder. Romeo Dubois, 162¼, Worcester, K.O.'ed Roy Immandi, 159½, Silver Lake, in the first round.

St. Annis Park—Jimmy Nelson, 171, Cranston, won a split decision over Abel Gonsalves, 172, Pawtucket, in a 10 rounder. Pat Egan, 122, West Warwick, won an unanimous decision over Ray Dulmaine, 129, Millbury, in a four rounder. Eddie Richmond, 138, Providence, T.K.O.'ed Johnny Bartello, 144, Fall River, the fourth round of a scheduled six rounder. Jean Robichaud, 156, Forestdale, K.O.'ed Teddy Johnson, 156, Worcester, in the second round. Bobby Bauton, 147, Providence, K.O.'ed Ollie Wilson, 149, Worcester, in the fourth round.

Arcadia—Jack (Spider) Armstrong, Toronto, K.O.'ed Lloyd (Kid) Hudson, Bath, Me., in the first round of a scheduled 10 rounder. Eddie Soares, 154½, Providence, T.K.O.'ed Maxie Spoon, 156¾, Montreal, in the sixth round. Larry Vellenteuve, 153¾, Providence, T.K.O.'ed Chocolate Kid, 154, Cuba, in the fifth round of a scheduled six rounder. Bob Burton, 142, Boston, won an unanimous decision over Tony Arujo, 140¾, Providence, in a six rounder. Eddie Gibbs, 122, Fall River, won a unanimous decision over Kid Cournoyer, 123, Derry, N. H., in a four rounder.

Arcadia—Tippy Larkin, Garfield, N. J., won a unanimous decision over Bobby McIntire, in a 10 rounder. Benny Delgado, 140¼, Providence, K.O.'ed Oscar St. Pierre, 148, Fall River, in the first round of a scheduled eight rounder. Young Dias, 144, Boston, K.O.'ed Jackie Carr, 142, Worcester, in the first round. Larry Villaneuve, 154¾, Providence, outpointed Grover Marshall, 156, Newark, N. J., in a six rounder. Johnny DeCiantis, Providence, beat Tommy Doyle, Fall River, in a six rounder.

St. Ann's Park, Woonsocket—Abel Gonsalves, 172, Pawtucket, won a unanimous decision over Jimmy Nelson, 171, Cranston, in a ten rounder. Eddie Richmond, 139, Providence, won an unanimous decision over Baby Joe Gans, 140, Willimantic, in an eight rounder. Jerry King, 129, Providence, T.K.O.'ed George Stone, 125, Willimantic, in the second round. Andre Dulmaine, 128, Millbury, won a split decision over Pat Egan, 126, West Warwick, in a four rounder.

Arcadia—Jack (Spider) Armstrong, 130¾, Toronto, T.K.O.'ed Freddie Yellavich, 131¼, Newark, in the ninth round. Benny Delgado, 140¼, Providence, K.O.'ed Bob Pooler, 138, Portland, in the second round of a scheduled eight rounder. Jack Renault, 128, Boston, stopped Tony Arujo, 140, Providence, in the sixth round. Bobby Fuller, 134, Boston, K.O.'ed Pete Powers, 134, Fall River, in the second round of a scheduled four rounder.

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CENTRAL OHIO SWINGS AND HOOKS

By LESS HUFFMAN

THE Quality Club featured Al Diaz, tough little Mexican, and Willie Russell, the Buckeye Buzz Bomb, in a ten rounder at Cincinnati. Diaz was stopped in the fourth after being floored.

On the semi-final of six Eddie Miller, hard punching Dayton middleweight, was given a stiff fight by Al Roack of Indianapolis until he was K.O.'ed by a right hook in the third.

The other six rounder saw Sherm Washington, a Columbus heavyweight, making his first pro start against Lee Carter of Kokomo, Indiana, who won the decision.

Dick Haley made short work of Jimmy Mitchel when he stopped the ebony battler in the second. Both are from Columbus.

Young West of Dayton got the nod over Tommy Banks of Columbus in a four round opener.

Eddie Miller of Dayton and Danny Fisher of St. Louis were featured in the top ten promoted by the Quality Club at Columbus. Miller stopped Fisher in the second.

In the semi-final of six rounds Harry Hart, Delaware, Ohio, lightweight, and Roy Lewis, Muncie, Indiana, policeman, 138, slugged it out with Hart gaining a close decision.

Tommy Woodward, Columbus heavyweight, won a close decision over Kokomo's hard hitting Lee Carter. Dick Haley and Tiger Wills, both of Columbus, went four fast rounds to a draw.

In the other six rounder, Jimmy Wilson, Cincinnati, recently released from the Marines, was halted by Woody Lowden in the second round.

Homer Bingham, Lancaster clouter, stopped Bill Cain, Columbus welterweight, in the first. This was the second K.O. for Bingham in four days.

In a four rounder Freddy Tibbs, Columbus, and Ben Parks of Columbus slugged it out for a draw.

At Lancaster, O., the boxing show staged by Leroy Campbell, had Homer Bingham, Lancaster welterweight, stopping Art Shires in the first.

The semi-final ended in the second heat when Bull Ours, Lancaster strong boy, knocked out Buddy Lyle of Columbus. Tommy Thompson of Lancaster was stopped by Billy Cain in the third.

Jasper Reeves, Columbus, was stopped in the first by Jack Groff, Lancaster. Billy Sells and Danny Ryan fought four fast rounds to a draw.

In the show staged by Harry Hartman and Leonard Shallet at Cincinnati, Eddie Miller, one of the most popular fighters in the mid-west, stopped Gib Jones of Cincinnati in the sixth round, when Jones' seconds threw in the towel.

The semi-final between Billy Pappas, Philadelphia, and Billy Weeks of Huntington, ended when Pappas hit Weeks in the eye and the referee gave the Philadelphia Greek a T.K.O. in the first round.

Joe Discepoli of Cincinnati won in six over Sterling Wiley, West Va., lightweight. Bob Schewmaker of Cincinnati lost a six rounder to Jimmy Wilson also of the Queen City. Whitey Weuben, Dayton light-heavyweight, stopped Sammy Knitt, Cincinnati, in 54 seconds of the first round. The show netted $2,129.40.

At Sandusky, O., at the Battery Park Arena, Bobby McIntire, Detroit, lost to Bobby Richardson in ten rounds.

The writer who handles Dick Lewis, Columbus' leading featherweight, has had several good offers for Lewis since he decisioned Paul Carbetta at Mansfield.

Rex Reese, Mansfield promoter, topped his show with Harry Hart, Delaware lightweight, and Tony Rios, Mexican lightweight. The bout, scheduled for ten rounds, ended in a K.O. Hart over Rios in the seventh.

The semi-final between Tiger Wills of Columbus and Tony Sacramento of Mexico ended in a six round draw.

Jimmy Welsh of Columbus copped the duke over Lloyd Pine of Akron, who was trying for a comeback. It was a good six round fight with Welsh the winner.

Charles Baxter, Cincinnati lightweight, stopped Jim Wiley at Louisville in the seventh. It was a hard fought fight throughout and the referee stopped it when he thought Wiley was taking too much punishment.

Baxter fought Harry Hart, Delaware lightweight, to a fast draw at Dayton.

Eddy Johnson assisted by Herby Gilmore, has taken over the Abe Skurow stable consisting of about twenty fighters.

Al Hafts' wrestling shows here are turning them away every week, and Al has decided to build an air cooled arena that will hold ten thousand fans. This spot is greatly in need of something like this.

Lee Lynch, boxing promoter of Springfield, O., after losing $2700.00 in three fights, tossed in the sponge, but like a lot of other promoters who have quit has got the bug and is going to try again next month. Lee is a promoter at heart and with a little more experience he will pull out in front.

Cleveland Brown, who was one of the best looking featherweights in this part of the country and who was in the service for the past three years, has been discharged.

Tim Nolen, Zanesville promoter, staged an amateur and pro boxing show at the Moxahalia Park. The main bout of the evening was between Murray Sugar Cain of New York City and Tiger Wills of Columbus. The fight ended in a draw after six fast rounds.

At Dayton, O., Lee Hammond, the matchmaker of the Eagle's Club, promoted a teen age fight for the members in their hall on Main St.

The best looking prospect in this part of the country is Eddie Miller, Lee Hammond's slugging middleweight. Miller has won four fights in the past month, two in Columbus and two in Cincinnati.

Harry Hart, Delaware lightweight, and Sterling Wiley of Huntington, went the ten round route with Hart getting the unanimous decision. Wiley was game to the core even after being knocked to the canvas several times.

Young Poulion of Dayton beat Johnny Protane of Huntington.

Woody Lowden, slugging Columbus welterweight, met a tartar in Jesse Gooden of Dayton. The fight was called a draw after six fast rounds.

Homer Bingham of Lancaster had little trouble disposing of Eddie Lions, Springfield welterweight. He stopped Eddie in the second with a right cross.

At Columbus Eddie Miller, Dayton, K.O. artist, was at his best when he scored a K.O. in 1:20 of round four over Tip Ramsey of Cincinnati.

The semi-final like the main go was a real alley brawl between two hard punchers. Harry Hart was given the nod over his opponent, Charlie Baxter.

All information regarding boxing and wrestling in this part of the country will be answered providing there is a stamped envelope included. Send all fight results to the writer before the first of every month. Address: Less Huffman, P. O. Box 211, Station G, Columbus, Ohio.

JABS FROM ST. LOUIS AND VICINITY

By BUS BURKE

IN spite of a very rainy and stormy evening, Ed. Leary, St. Louis's newest addition to the promoters' circle, presented a most successful and pleasing show on August 14. He staged six bouts of which five ended in knockouts. In the main event, Charley Riley stopped Mario (Chico) Morales in 2:41 of the fourth round. In the one bout of the evening that went the distance, Bennie Droll of Peoria got up off the floor twice in the torrid first round but lost a close decision in six rounds to Jim Bull of St. Louis.

It was Charley Riley who furnished the fireworks when he resorted to his old and most successful tactics of fighting instead of boxing. Riley, who was never in trouble, dropped Morales for the nine count before tucking him in for the night.

In a winner take all bout, Johnny Tabbs of St. Louis stopped Gene McGovern of Granite City in the first round with a short snappy right hand uppercut on the button. This was the fourth meeting of this pair with Tabbs having two decisions and one draw over McGovern. The show, which grossed $5,049.00 of which $832.82 went for Federal taxes with $197.95 for State taxes and a city tax of $188.88 with $83.25 sales tax, was attended by 3,501, and was held in Kiel Auditorium.

The complete card follows: Charley Riley, 125, St. Louis, stopped Mario Morales, 125, Cuba, in 2:41 of the fourth round of a scheduled ten rounder. Ray Palmer, referee.

Semi-windup: Dave Riley, 142, St. Louis, won on a T.K.O. over Rene Cantero, 142, Cuba, in 1:41 of the fourth, in a bout scheduled for six heats. Jimmy Parker, referee.

Special Bout: Kid Riviera, 225, St. Louis, K.O.'ed Bill Jackson, 215, Topeka, Kan., in 1:41 of the second. Dick Young, referee.

Prelim: Jim Bull, 158½, St. Louis, won on a decision from Bennie Droll, 156, Peoria, in six. Jim Parker, referee.

Prelim: Johnny Tabbs, 146½, St. Louis, stopped Gene McGovern, 147, Granite City, Ill., in the first round at the 1:39 mark. Tommy Sullivan, referee.

Curtain Raiser: Harold Guss, 181½, St. Louis, stopped Francis Levier, 200, of Montreal, Can., in 1:10 of the first round. Tommy Sullivan, referee.

Before I forget, I wish to take this means to rectify a statement that I erroneously made in this column of the September issue in regards to the Derby Dan and Al Velez fight here in St. Louis. I stated that in the first meeting of these two, Velez K.O.'ed Dan. That information was wrong, as the only meeting between these two resulted in a decision for Dan in the sixth round after having Velez on the floor.

Right Crosses: Ted Myles, Charley Riley's tutor, seems to be on the right track by getting his protege hep to the art of fighting and less of the fancy boxing as Riley displayed in several of his last bouts. One thing is certain, that this Riley boy can fight . . . Bob Foxworth is making rapid strides in and around Chicago. Bob comes from East St. Louis, Illinois . . . Johnny Connoly is rapidly bringing to a close his punch filled amateur boxing cards which are held in the outdoor arena of the Walter Hatzfeld American Legion Post . . . Art Cooper and Jim Ritchie have just returned home from a successful tour of the West Coast and are looking for action on the home front.

Send items to Bus Burke, 601 St. Louis St., De Soto, Missouri. I would also like to receive autographed photos of prominent fighters to add to my collection. Fighters and managers wishing to contact St. Louis promoters get in touch with the writer.

SOUTHERN OHIO JABS

By J. JIMMIE AMANN

CLINT CONWAY, Joe Anderson's New York Negro heavyweight, on the night of August 19 at Cincinnati's Parkway Arena, outpunched Clayton Worlds of Chicago, in the top bout of the program staged by Promoters Nichols, Browne and Poole. Locally Conway is undefeated.

The supporting bouts were all good ones. George Weaver, Cincinnati, won a T.K.O. in the sixth round from Joe Discepoli when Dr. Walter Phillips halted the match due to a cut eye. This writer's score sheet showed Discepoli ahead by a comfortable margin. Jimmy Woods got an early Christmas present in his six-round bout with Sugar Cain. Bushy Foster stopped Dan Tabler in two; Charlie Scott won a decision in four over Tony Kass, and Jerry Kaiser drew with Bat Baleski in four rounds. The gross receipts for the show were $4792.

In the top bout on the night of August 12, Eddie Miller of Dayton, Ohio, stopped Gib Jones of Cincinnati in the sixth round. Jones suffered a badly cut eye.

AROUND FOUNTAIN SQUARE WITH THE PUNCHERS AND THEIR PILOTS—Rumor still persists that a new promoter will enter the field here in Cincinnati . . . mentioned is the name of Tony Canzoneri, former great champion as matchmaker. . . . Billy East, Los Angeles manager, is heading east with his good Negro heavyweight, Nolen Sharp. . . . My fight flash service is still available at one dollar per year. . . . Address this writer at 6716 Palmetto St., Cincinnati, Ohio. . . . This address also available for fighters of all weights and managers of good fighters who want action in this territory. There still remain a few copies of the 1946 boxing promoters and managers guide at one dollar each. . . . Ray Heling will do the matchmaking for the Milwaukee American Legion Club. . . . Frank Cahill and Walter (Soldier Buck) Buckrop are promoting in Louisville, Ky. . . . Jack Dempsey will be guest referee on an all-heavyweight show during October in the Falls City. . . . This writer would like to hear from amateur boxing coaches and trainers associations in all parts of the country. . . . This writer is now booking 36 of the top fighters around the country.

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BOXING IN MAINE
By LINDSEY L. MEADER

AT PORTLAND—Maurice Beauchene, 139, Brunswick, took the Maine welter title from Eddie Letourneau, over the ten-round route at the Exposition Building here. Beauchene weighed in at 139 pounds, a pound lighter than Letourneau. In a six-round semi-final, Bobby Howe, 140, Portland, decisioned Tony Prince, 141½, Quebec. Four-round prelims saw Gabby Paul, 135, Saco, outpoint Mickey Dillon, 130, Portland. Chick Tanguay, 150, Biddeford, decisioned Earl Davis, 144, Rockland. Johnny Donato, 136, Berlin, N. H., kayoed Ray Morriss, 135½, Biddeford, in three; and Billy Sheridan, 128, Portland, won over Leo Paul, 125, Biddeford.

Moose Kennedy, 196, Gary, Ind., T.K.O.'ed Jackie Fisher, 196, Waterville, in seven rounds at Waterville. A wild semi-final saw Wendell Gallant, 180, Skowhegan, T.K.O. Charlie Turner, 182, Bangor, in four. Preliminaries ended as Francis Belanger, 132, Quebec, flattened Dick Pennell, 134, Waterville, in one. Rene Lapointe, 126, Quebec, decisioned Gil Roy, 126, Waterville, in four; and Al Sinard, 122, Lewiston, won over Bobby John in four.

At Bangor—Clint Perry, 164, Hyannis, Mass., decisioned Frankie Anderson, 162, Portland, in eight. Tony Prince, 146, Quebec, T.K.O.'ed Herby Freeman, 142, Bangor, in four. Joe Tanguay, 148, Lewiston, outpointed Babe Quirrion, 146, Waterville, in six. Johnny Brissard, 121, Quebec, kayoed Young Roy, 126, Waterville, in four, and Al Linard, 126, Quebec, flattened Bobby John, 121, Waterville, in four.

Jerry Boisvert, 151, Lewiston, knocked out Lucio Lima, 146, Fall River, in ten rounds at the Casino in Fall River, Mass.

At Waterville—Roger Whynott, 149, Halifax, N. S., won over Buddy Brown, 151, Boston, in an eight-round main event here. The semi-final on the card saw Wendell Gallant, 174, Skowhegan, flatten Charlie Turner, 173, Bangor, in six; and in the openers Lulu Nabrosky, 184, Winslow, and Romeo Nadeau, 181, Waterville, fought two rounds but the match was declared no contest as rain fell before the end of the bout. Blackie Noel, 149, Lewiston, outpointed Frankie Lee, 150, Cambridge, Mass., in four, and Dick Pennell, 135, Waterville, won over Rene Lapointe, 130, Quebec, in four.

WAY UP IN NEW HAMPSHIRE
With RALPH G. PELOQUIN

PROMOTER John E. Giardini is putting Berlin, N. H., back in the boxing spotlight. His first move, and a good one too, was to get THE RING Editor, Nat Fleischer, up this way to present the great boxing film, "Kings of the Ring." It was shown at the Berlin High School Auditorium before a large crowd of fistic enthusiasts who saw the picture and received Nat's lecture with interest. The show and talk created considerable comment in the White Mountains region.

Mr. Fleischer was the guest of Promoter Giardini at the Berlin House and of local Fire Chief O. B. Berquist. He spent four days here and then returned for Berlin's inaugural boxing show at which Jack Sharkey appeared as a guest referee. It was the first boxing show held at Berlin in over five years and was sponsored by the Berlin Firemen's Relief Association during the New Hampshire State Firemen's convention.

Howard W. Northridge of Manchester, chairman-secretary of the boxing and wrestling governing body, announced recently that William M. Stearns, Dover sports writer, and Maurice A. Blais, Dover postoffice clerk, have been appointed deputy commissioners of the State Athletic Commission.

Manchester, N. H.—Boxing at the Recreation Center of the Queen City is still operating weekly before large crowds and Florient Desmarais remains the biggest attraction. Desmarais is the New England lightweight champion and his popularity is reaching a new high.

Wasting little time in going to work on his opponent, "Frenchie" Desmarais knocked out an unknown, Leo Pisano of Brooklyn, N. Y., in two minutes, 19 seconds of the first round after flooring him for counts of eight, four and two in that order. Leo was advertised as having fought a semi-final in Madison Square Garden, but this was false information. The capacity crowd that saw the bout was hoodwinked. Desmarais weighed 133 and spotted his adversary some six pounds.

The semi-final ended in a draw when Ollie "Blondie" Renaud of Lowell, Mass., clashed with Oliver Desmarais of Manchester. Both weighed in at 131. The other six-rounder saw Jean Ouimet, 143, of Montreal, take the nod over Red Perkins, 141, of Lynn, Mass.

In the prelims, Johnny Botty, 145, Fall River, Mass., put Jerry Cook, 144, Lowell, Mass., to sleep in the first round of the opening bout while Kid Cournoyer, 121, Derry, N. H., hammered out a technical knockout victory over Al Durand, 131, Lowell, Mass., in the next bout. The referee stopped the scrap after two minutes and 51 seconds of the fourth and final round.

In his other bout at Manchester, the lightweight king of New England, Desmarais, copped the honors by putting Teddy Swain of Toronto, to the canvas for the full count in the eighth round at the Recreation Center. Swain was counted out in 1.56. Desmarais weighed 132, Swain 127½.

In the semi-final, Bobby Lessard, 135, of Manchester, put Maty Barrows, 135, of Boston, to sleep in the second round of their scheduled six. In the companion sixer, Johnny Botty, 145, Fall River, won a unanimous decision over Young Diaz, 154, of Boston.

In the prelims, Charley Belanger, 152, Nashua, knocked out Burt Chisholm, 159, of Rochester, in 29 seconds of the second round in the first bout of the evening, a scheduled four-rounder. In the next bout, Charley Kelley, London, Ontario, scored a clean-cut victory over Sailor Gagnon of Nashua, taking all four rounds. Kelley weighed 126, Gagnon 117.

Other bouts at Manchester were as follows: Teddy Swain of Toronto, Canada, won from Tommy "Red" Wells. He was unable to answer the bell for the eighth round after absorbing a furious, two-fisted barrage by his opponent in the two preceding chapters. Wells was unable to continue after injuring both hands, presumably in the seventh round. 800 fans attended.

Swain was floored six times by Wells for nine-counts and once for a count of two, but fought on gamely to win. Wells weighed 130 to Swain's 127.

The ringsiders were treated to a fast hard-hitting semi-final between Blondie Renaud of Montreal, and Eddie Gibbs of New Bedford. Although he spotted Renaud 13 pounds, Gibbs fought furiously and earned himself a draw. Renaud tipped the scales at 133, Gibbs at 120. In the other six-rounder Jean Ouimet of Montreal, won the decision over Oscar St. Pierre of Fall River. Ouimet 145 to St. Pierre's 150 pounds.

Kid Cournoyer of Derry won by T.K.O. over Al Durand of Lowell, Mass., and Vic Mayo of Lowell knocked out Lester Kenny of Raymond, in the third round of the other four-rounder.

In a smashing, slashing go, Jackie Harris, 129, Malden, Mass., was declared the winner in the fifth round after Referee Johnny Harko disqualified Jimmy Rizzo, 136, Hamilton, Ontario, for tripping the former and leaving him writhing in pain on the canvas.

In the first two six-rounders Johnny Green, 153, of Rochester, was awarded a technical knockout over Basil Mizera, 162, of Boston, after Mizera threw his shoulder out of joint in nine seconds of the first round. In the other sixer, Joe Nadeau, 131, of Suncook, won the decision over Francis Greavey, 143, of Manchester.

In the two four-rounders Kid Cournoyer, 122, of Derry, won a decision over Chuck Kelly, 125, of Boston, and Al Poltak, 146, of Manchester, knocked out Charlie Belanger, 151, of Nashua, in one minute and 51 seconds of the fourth round. Belanger was floored twice for the count of nine in the third.

Dover, N. H.—The V.F.W. sponsored another show and this time presented the boxing fans of Dover with a co-feature, two eight-round main events. In the first, Corky Davis, Worcester lightweight, was awarded a T.K.O. over Kid Briere in the fifth round. While in the second scheduled for eight rounds co-feature, Harry Hintlian, 133, of Worcester, weathered a first-round storm and came back to K.O. Babe Martin, 136, of Lewiston, in the third round.

Sam Shumway, 176, of Webster, Mass., chilled Tony Buckley, 191, of Camp Langdon, in the second round of a bout on the line for six rounds.

Jackie Ledger, 155, of Dover, proved no match for Romeo Dubois, 161, of Lewiston. Dubois had Ledger down three times the first round with the bell saving him. He lasted only a few seconds of the second round.

In the curtain-raiser, Gene LePerte, 126, Putnam, Conn., knocked out Jimmy Peters, 128, of Worcester, in the final seconds of a four-round go.

Leo Mucucci dropped to third ranking lightweight in New England as the result of his defeat over the ten-round limit at the hands of Jackie Webber, 132, of Pawtucket, R. I. Mucucci, former Berlin, N. H., fighter now operating out of Portland, Maine, also lost two previous contests, one being for the New England crown against Florient Desmarais.

Another local pugilist, Johnny Donato of Berlin, scored a K.O. over Ray Morris, 135, of Biddeford, Maine, in the third round of a four-round preliminary at Portland, Maine. A few weeks later Tony Prince of Sherbrooke, Canada, scored a one-round K.O. over Johnny Donato in one minute and 38 seconds after the opening bell of the six-round semi-final.

This month's headliner from New Hampshire is, in my opinion, Larry Villeneuve, just out of the U. S. Navy and back to his pre-war activities. Living in Providence, R. I., now, the former Berlin, N. H., middleweight has already taken part in two contests and won both.

His brother, Norman, who takes care of his training and diet, dropped the writer a line and enclosed clippings from the Rhode Island dailies which carried an account of Larry's two recent victories. He disposed of Chocolate Kid of Cuba in four rounds and at the Arcadia in Providence, Larry, weighing 154, outpointed Grover Marshall, 156, of Newark, N. J., in a six-rounder.

Since late complications delayed the opening of Radio Station WMOU, the boxing fans of the White Mountains region did not get the blow-by-blow rendition of Berlin's first boxing show in five years which was held at the Notre Dame Skating Rink with Jack Sharkey, former heavyweight champion of the world, acting in the role of arbiter for the main bout. In the future, however, plans are being formulated to broadcast all boxing shows over station WMOU, the Radio Voice of the White Mountains in New Hampshire. You'll find that station at 1230 kilocycles on your dial.

Al Sinibaldi, U. S. Navy Chief Petty Officer now stationed at Jacksonville, Florida, was up this way on a well-earned 15-days' leave. He recently conducted a boxing tourney at the N.A.T.T.C., and because of his fine work, his C.O. gave him "time off" which he spent with his folks and friends in northern New Hampshire. Besides taking charge of the boxing programs over there, Al fights in main bouts at the Arena in Jacksonville, and so far is undefeated in five starts against leading southern heavies.

Probably the happiest guy at a boxing show in New Hampshire recently was Manager Eddie Desilets of Berlin. For the first time in five years he finally got around to show his fighters locally!

Attention promoters, managers and fighters and all interested fight fans! Send in your notes before the fifth of each month if you want them published in THE RING. Address: Ralph G. Peloquin, 788 Fourth Avenue, Berlin, N. H., or care of Station WMOU, 40 Main Street, Berlin, N. H.

The writer wishes to thank everyone for their gifts, well-wishes, etc., letters and telegrams, on the occasion of my marriage at Waterbury, Conn., last month. Again, "Thanks muchly!"

As we go to press we learn that Larry Villeneuve came through again, his third consecutive victory since getting discharged from the U. S. Navy. At Providence, Larry won a six-round decision over Al Pinel. Nice going, Larry, and keep up the good work. Hope you can make it up this way sometime as the old home town fans would sure like to see you in action!

WESTERN NEW ENGLAND
By GEORGE ROSS

WALTER McCORMICK, Springfield, Mass., who is Tommy Jessup's chief trainer, has acquired a professional boxer, Mike Delnero, welterweight, and an amateur, Don Wright, for whom he acts as an instructor.

Frank Simmons, fight manager, Springfield, Mass., has three likely looking boys in Frank Lodge, 160 pounds; Billy Fuller, 165 pounds; and Dick Fuller, 170 pounds.

George LaRover K.O.'ed Humberto Zavala in the tenth round of a fight that was a thriller. LaRover had Zavala on the floor in the last round, a feat that was never accomplished before. The referee stopped the bout because of a deep cut over Zavala's left eye.

I would like to mention a local fighter's name whom I believe to be one of the best ever developed in this section of the state, Young Terry of Chicopee Falls, Mass. Terry never seems to get any mention hereabouts as a former fighter, but I will never forget him as he gave me the worse beating of my career in Albany, N. Y., in 1924. I beat Kid Black twice, a feat that Johnny Dundee and Benny Leonard could not do. They received a draw with the same opponent the same year, 1914. I fought from 1910 until 1925 and Young Terry is one fighter during my time that I admired as a great scrapper.

By the time this goes to press, Al Caroly and his publicity man, C. O. Hart, will be headed back to West Palm Beach, Fla., where they will continue providing the fans with bangup boxing shows. George Sheppard will promote in New Haven again this winter. Caroly and Sheppard as a team, are among the best in the boxing game. The fans of Springfield can vouch for this statement from the shows they witnessed this summer at the West Springfield Dog Track.

Luther Burgess of Philadelphia, proved himself a good prospect when he flattened Fred Burke in the second round of a six spot on August 26.

Saint Paul, Springfield, Mass., lightheavy, is trying to decide whether to quit the boxing game. He took a good lacing from southpaw Bert Lytell at Pittsfield, Mass.

North Adams, Mass., has two boxing clubs.

COVERING NEW ENGLAND

By MARK FANNON

BOSTON GARDEN—You can't go on forever and Coley Welch knows it now. He had to bow out to Al (Red) Priest, 156½, fast rising two-fisted puncher of Cambridge. Welch, 159½, Portland, Maine, veteran, lost the New England middleweight title to Priest in a vicious 12-rounder at the Garden. The gross receipts were $34,111.

Eddie Bowden, 179, South Boston, outpointed Johnny Martin, 186, Essex (8). Johnny Priest, 138, Cambridge, won the six-round decision over Johnny Woods, Roxbury. Roy Andrews, 132, won an unpopular decision over Al Smith, Roxbury (6). Jimmy Sheppard, 164, Miami Beach, Fla., defeated Bernie Cummings, 168, Boston (6).

Worcester—Leo Sawicki, 150½, Worcester, K. O.'ed Jimmy Mooney, 147, Moncton, N.B., in the fifth. Sawicki knocked Mooney down three times before the finisher. Both lads are big favorites here.

Mike Gagne, 178, Spencer, and Soldier Montoya, 175, Boston, drew (6). George Renault, 133, Lowell, T.K.O.'ed Buddy Lessard, 135, Manchester, N. H. (3).

Braves Field, Boston — Johnny Flynn, 209, blond, well-proportioned heavy from Rochester, N. Y., beat Giant Pat Comiskey, 216, Paterson, N. J., in a close hard-fought fray at this field for the Callahan A. C.

Pat met his first defeat in Boston in losing to the high ranking New Yorker and the decision was in doubt up until the final bell. Pat started good in the first two rounds, boxing well and planting stiff lefts in Flynn's face. However, Johnny soon caught on to Pat's style and began placing nice shots to head and body. A nice accurate left jab and a hard right that bounced off Pat's chin gave him the valuable points.

Flynn cut Comiskey's eye with lefts to that spot. In return the Paterson giant gashed Flynn's optic with a right. Once the cut was repaired, Comiskey never succeeded in opening it up again. Though Pat's legs buckled a few times from hard rights to the chin, there were no knockdowns in this ten-round scrap.

Irish Mickey Doyle, 160½, Ireland, beat Clinton Perry, 160, Marston Mills, Mass., in the eight-round semi-final. Doyle went out for the kill and dropped Perry once in the first and once in the second frames. Perry gamely arose, used his long arms in a defensive battle and wound up giving the lad from the Old Sod plenty of trouble.

Frank Mercurio, 185, Quincy, started a comeback after several years in the service, and whipped Tommy Doyle, 176, Fall River, in a six-rounder. George Cassista, 176, Beverly, stopped Soldier Montoya, 173, Bangor, Maine, in the fifth round. Cassista unintentionally butted Montoya at the close of the fourth and the referee wouldn't let him come out for the fifth. Zack Robinson, 163, Pittsburgh, gave comedian Al Pinel, 157, New Bedford, a lacing in another six-rounder.

Salem—Tommy Greb, 132, Boston southpaw, made Teddy Swain, 127, Toronto, his 38th win in 41 fights when he took a ten-round decision from him. Swain made a very good scrap of it but faded in the closing chapters. Charlie Celeste, 128, East Boston, K.O.'ed Frankie Martin, 125, Falmouth, Mass. (1).

Manchester, N. H. — Florient Desmarais, New England lightweight champion, continued his winning ways by disposing of Leo Pisano, Brooklyn lightweight, in the first heat. Red Perkins, likable Lynn welterweight, lost a six-round decision to Jean Ouimet, Montreal.

Fall River — Bobby English, 129, this city, upset the dope in beating Tommy "Red" Wells, 132, Manchester, N. H., in the ten-round main event. Johnny Steele, 165, New Bedford, decisioned Tommy Doyle, 172, Fall River, in the six-round semi-final.

Worcester — Leo Sawicki, 152, local favorite, battled clown Irish Johnny Taylor, 148, Oakland, Calif., to a ten-round draw in his first appearance since his discharge from the service. Sam Shumway, 175, veteran of Webster, received the nod over Tommy Doyle, 172, Fall River, in six.

Salem — Tony Costa, 128, Woonsocket's gift to the featherweight ranks, whipped Bobby English, 126, Fall River Frenchman, in the ten-round main go. Pete Noka, 138, Brockton, K.O.'ed Frankie Travers, 140, Fall River (6). Billy Rynne, 156, Lowell, knocked out Young Diaz, 151, Boston (3). Kenny Bruce, 126, Woonsocket, K.O.'ed Tommy Roache, 123, East Boston (2).

New Bedford (Sargeant Field) — Georgie Martin, 153, New England welterweight champion, won over Broadway Johnny Jones, 160, New York, in a ten-round bout staged by the Elks which was the first show held in New Bedford in a year. The gross gate of $6454 helped a worthy cause in addition to giving fans a good boxing show. Jack Sharkey, former world's heavyweight champion, was the referee.

Ed Bowden, 175, Boston, originally from Virginia, made a good local debut in stopping tough "Irish" Tommy Doyle, 175, Fall River, in the fourth canto. Jimmy McLarin, 136, New Bedford, making his first local appearance since his discharge, gained a split decision over Bobby Pooler, 146, Portland, Me. Al Pinel, 155, New Bedford, whipped fellow townsman Johnny Steele, 165, by six-round decision. Pedro Corchado, 138, New Bedford, won the unanimous decision over Jackie Walker, 146, Boston (6). Radio Station WNBH broadcast the bout.

Manchester, N. H. — Teddy Swain, lightweight of Toronto, neatly worked himself into a bout with Florient Desmarais by picking himself off the canvas six times and finally stopping Tommy "Red" Wells in the eighth of a wild battle. Swain, managed by "Spider" Armstrong, scored his most impressive win to date.

Bangor, Me. — Clint Perry (Brown Bomber), 164, Hyannis, Mass., beat Frankie Anderson, 162, Portland (8).

Fall River — Jerry Boisvert, 151, Lewiston, Maine, stopped Lucio Lima, 146, former Fall River lad living in Long Island, in the tenth round of a free punching fight. Rugged Boisvert was the aggressor all the way and halted Lima with punches to the head just before the end of the tenth frame. Eddie Moniz, 143, Fall River, knocked out Bobbie Burton, 143½, of Providence, R. I., in the fifth round.

Waterville, Me. — Roger Whynott, 149, Halifax, N. S., outpointed Buddy Brown, 151, Boston (8). Wendell Gallant, 174, Skowhegan, stopped Charlie Turner, 173, Bangor (6).

Worcester — Charley Williams, 144, Newark, N. J., punched out a ten-round win over Lee Jones, 140½, Philadelphia. Sam Shumway, 175½, Webster, won over George Cassista, 176, Danvers, in their third meeting (6). Johnny Martin, 187, Essex, stopped Maurice Belanger, 176, Fall River (3).

Salem — Joe Blackwood, 155, Paterson, N. J., K.O.'ed Willard Buckless, 156, Saugus, in the first frame. Ike Stevenson, 149, Framingham, and Billy Rynne, 156, Lowell, drew six. Tommy Reardon, 137, Brockton, T.K.O.'ed Leon Jackson, 139, Cambridge (3). Johnny Larkin, 124, Lowell, outpointed Gene Gomez, 126, Boston (6).

Manchester, N. H. — Florient Desmarais, 132, colorful local puncher, K.O.'ed Teddy Swain, 127, Toronto, (8). Buddy Lassard, 135, Manchester, K.O.'ed Manny Barrows, 135½, Boston (2).

Bangor, Me. — Harry Hintlian, 136, Worcester veteran, outpointed Herbie Freeman, 140, Bangor (8). Al Wooster, 143, Frankfort, K.O.'ed Charlie Allen, 140, Boston (2).

Portland, Me. — Nineteen - year - old Ed Moniz, 143, Fall River, Mass., won by a T.K.O. over Maine Welterweight Champion Maurice Beauchene, 141½, of Brunswick, when the referee halted the bout with Beauchene down for the second time, in the seventh round. Moniz dropped Beauchene five times in the furious slugging match for his 11th consecutive victory. Tony Prince, 139, Sherbrooke, Quebec, K.O.'ed Johnny Donato, 134½, Berlin, N. H. (1).

Fall River — Steve Ketchel, 200, Fall River blond, knocked out Jimmy Davis, 188, Brooklyn, with a right to the head in the seventh. Davis floored Ketchel for no-count in the fourth, winning this round but Steve had won the first three frames.

Eddie Richmond, 141, Providence, took a six-round decision from Red Perkins, 140, Boston, in the semifinal.

Waterville, Me. — Jackie Fisher, 200, of this city, knocked out Billie La Rose, 180, of Springfield, in the first round of a scheduled ten-round bout sanctioned by the Maine Boxing Commission for the state heavyweight championship.

Worcester — Timothy "Buddy" Hayes, 127, Boston, New England featherweight champion, scored a T.K.O. over Ivan Jones, 125, Portland, Me., after five rounds of their scheduled ten-round bout. Jones, floored for counts in the fourth and fifth rounds, was unable to answer the count for the sixth round.

Marty Pemba, 130, East Boston, knocked out Tony Ferry, 128, Fall River, in the third round. Johnny Martin, 185, Essex, won a decision over Soldier Montoya, 175, Boston (6).

Salem — Tommy Greb, 135, hard-punching southpaw of Boston, knocked Jean Barriere, 132, Montreal, through the ropes and to the floor in the first round of a scheduled ten-round bout and was declared the winner by K.O. in the first heat.

In the six-round semi-final, Sam Shumway, 176, Webster veteran, and Curtis Lee, U. S. Army, 168, fought to a draw. Bill Daley, 153, Brookline, K.O.'ed Ollie Wilson, 157½, Worcester, in one round. Young Renault, 132, Dracut, K.O.'ed Joe Larkin, 127½, Lowell, in two frames.

Manchester, N. H. — In an unusual ending for a boxing match, Jackie Harris, 129, two-fisted Malden puncher, was awarded the fight by Referee Johnny Harko in the sixth when he hurt his back as a result of being tripped by Jimmy Rizzo, 136, roughhouse Hamilton, Ont., lad. Harris had a slight edge during the brawl up to this point. Both tripped to the canvas and Referee Harko, former featherweight fighter, declared Harris had been tripped and disqualified Rizzo. Jackie was badly hurt by the fall.

Fall River — Jimmy Corti, 129, Trenton, N. J., came in as a last minute sub and won a split decision over Bobby English, 128, local boy, in ten rounds. Corti forced the fight all the way and had a comfortable margin. English's last round stand and the fact that Corti placed a few hard low blows below the belt line, evidently is what caused one judge to vote for him.

Tommy Reardon, 142, Brockton, won by a T.K.O. over John Botty, 145, Fall River, in the third frame of a scheduled six. Botty was holding his own until forced to stop because of a bad hand. Johnny DiCiantis, 162, Providence, K.O.'ed Young Diaz, 157, Boston (2). Walter Gomes, 145, New Bedford, outpointed Pete Noka, 140, Brockton (4). Pat Egan, lightweight of Woonsocket, stopped Pete Powers, Fall River (3).

Waterville, Me. — Roger Whynott, 150, Halifax, N. S., and Buddy Brown, 150, Boston, also Negro, drew (8).

ROCHESTER, N. Y., BOXING NOTES

By SAM PORCELLI

THE EXCHANGE A.C. are making plans to run their pro fights at the Sports Arena and will run every other week. The Arena will seat 5000 fans and with good fights the Arena will not be big enough. The matchmaker, Angelo Rose, stated that he will bring in some real good matches. Johnny Burba, the matchmaker for the Elks Club, will start his monthly amateur fights also and with both clubs running on Monday nights the Rochester fans will have boxing every Monday night.

Lloyd Welsh, boxing promoter at Binghamton, N. Y., ran two shows in Elmira, N. Y., at the ball park there and did O.K. In the first show after ten years without any pro fights in the city of Elmira, before a crowd of 1,932 fans, Irish Jimmy Mulligan won by a K.O. over Wilfe Shanks in one round, Eddie Jackson won over Jock O'Sullivan in two rounds, Jackie Taylor won over Tommy Murray in five rounds. Howard Chard won in six rounds over Chuck Jennings. Glen Roberts won over Baudelio Valencia in five rounds, and in the open bout four Hal Arrington won over Billy Carpenter in four rounds. In the second show, Charley Eagles won over Jimmy Mulligan in ten rounds. In the semifinal Irish Johnny Rowe of Rochester made short work of Bobby Root of New York. Rowe stopped Root with a left hook to the midsection and Root was a very sick boy after that. In the first show the house grossed $2500, in the second the house did $2100 gross.

The following boys are kept busy in out of town rings. Irish Johnny Rowe won his 10th in a row by stopping Bobby Root in one round in Elmira, N. Y. Irish Johnny Long won his 14th straight in Johnson City by a K.O. over Joey Relich of New York in three rounds. Henry Smith won over Steve Bellus by a K.O. at Toledo. Johnny Denero lost by a K.O. in three at Buffalo. Jay Widener, Roy Kelly, Freddie Patterson, Johnny Virgo and Ossie Sussman are working hard in the gym for their coming fights in local rings.

Two of the outstanding amateur fighters are Ross Virgo who has just turned 17 years old and up to date has won 16 fights in a row, and the other is Will Bill Foley, who has won 14 out of 16, and is planning on turning pro this month. Foley is a 126-pounder and will go a long way in the pro field. Another amateur who looks very good is Willie Giano, a welterweight, who has won seven straight.

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IN SYRACUSE RINGS

By BILLY SHAW

ABOUT 8,000 fans paid $11,903.70 to see Cleve Bailey, Vineland, N. J., score a technical knockout over Ralph DeJohn, polished Syracuse light-heavyweight, in the third round on September 2 at MacArthur Stadium. It was a good break for Bailey, and a bad one for Ralph, who suffered a cracked radius bone in his left forearm. The same arm had been broken in a Buffalo bout with Joey Maxim several months ago.

With the exception of the Joey Kushner-Les Patway featherweight mill, the prelims were pretty terrible. Kushner, scaling 130, knocked out Patway of Vineland, N. J., in the second, with a resounding portside biff to the jaw. Carmen DeJohn, middleweight brother of Ralph, flattened Jay Paganelli, Belleville, N. J., in the second round of a scheduled eight round semi. Tony DeMicco, 173, Troy, outpointed Jack Harding, 174, Toronto, in a six, the only bout to go the limit. Armand Olevano, 169, Endicott, chilled Harley Thume, 173, Syracuse, in two. Mickey Firenza, 112, Syracuse, stowed away Vic Scarci, 112, Syracuse, in the first.

The Molloy-Bersani organization was reported to have made better than $2,000 on the show. For the calibre of fighters and type of matches being staged, the turnouts for these shows have astounded the Old Timers! And the fans are laying it on the line to the tune of one, two and three, plus tax!

Arturo Godoy, the South American heavyweight, graced the MacArthur Stadium ring the night of August 16, pulling better than $5,000 against Tony Musto, veteran Chicago campaigner. Godoy battered Musto all over the ring, having the Baby Tank in bad shape in the sixth. Referee Jack Michaels stopped the go midway in the sixth, awarding Godoy a technical kayo over the Windy City iron man. Musto had no defense whatever for the heavy, vicious punches Arturo threw at him. Tony was down in the second and third for nine counts, but got up for more.

Nick Barone, Syracuse's "fighting florist", made a big hit in knocking out Billy Oden, of this city, in one round. Hugo Bonacci, pleasing and spectacular Syracuse middleweight, also stole the spotlight, with a sensational three round knockout of Jimmy Lee, rugged Buffalo slugger. Otto Christie, Binghamton, took an unpopular nod over Carmen Sepello, Schenectady middleweight, in six. Tony DeMicco, 179, Troy, won a close six rounder over Jackson Bradley, 171½, Buffalo. Johnny Bassett, Herkimer light-heavy, drew in a four rounder with Armand Olevano, Endicott.

To prove you don't need a big "rep" to draw money in Syracuse, a ten round windup bracketing Al Highers of Sherill and Johnny Shepherd, Cleveland, lured 4,171 fans who paid $7,351.71 to see the boys go at it. Highers made effective use of a fast left hand to gain the official verdict August 23. Shepherd worked hard on the inside, but didn't get close often enough to make it count.

Chuck Jennings, 256, Corning, took a lot, but failed to give enough in return, so lost to Howard Chard, 200, Scranton, in a six round semi-final. Nick Barone, Syracuse light-heavyweight thunder puncher, outpunched LeRoy Kenny, Baltimore, in six fast rounds. Kenny raced backward like mad, every time Nick got set to launch a steamer. Hugo Bonacci, Ira Robbins' Syracuse middleweight ace, kayoed Joe Williams, Baltimore Negro, in the fourth and final round. Billy Carpenter, Corning lightweight, showed class in knocking out Dick Manning, Baltimore, in the second. Harley Thume, Syracuse light-heavy, knocked out Jorga Mews, Scranton, in the first heat.

Tommy Rotolo, Rome's jumping-jack, whose colorful style made his opponent, Johnny Shepherd, Cleveland, look good, lost a ten round decision to the Ohioan August 8 at MacArthur Stadium. A crowd of 4,400 paid $7,100 into the till for this one. Tommy carried the fight to Johnny which was just what Shepherd, a fast counter-puncher, wanted. Shepherd shelled hard and often to outscore the wily Roman, but it was Rotolo who made the fight.

The prelims: Georgie Teague, 144, Buffalo, outpointed Vic Belanger, 149, Utica, in the six round semi-final. Joe Kushner, 129, Syracuse's veteran crowd-pleaser, beat cagey Don Aiken, 123, Utica, in six fast rounds. Billy Oden, 168, Syracuse, kayoed Bill Ware, 163, Buffalo, in the first heat. Nick Barone, 171½, Syracuse, scored a technical knockout over Harley Thume, 174½, in the second. Thume suffered a cut eye. Walter Holtsman, 145, Susquehanna, stopped Billy Phillips, 144, Schenectady, in the second stanza.

Frankie Simpson, Syracuse lightweight, knocked out Leon Feols, Albany slugger, in one round at Schenectady, August 28. Vinnie Vines, Schenectady middleweight, took a 10 round decision over Tommy Mollis, Baltimore, in the star bout.

Ralph DeJohn spotted Eddie Thomas of Philadelphia 25 pounds, then cut him down with an avalanche of lefts and rights in the third round of a scheduled ten rounder, at Canton, O., August 12.

That little dynamiter with the sleep producing left, Joey Kushner, added another kayo to his long string on August 22 at Utica, when he belted Vic Young, Baltimore featherweight, into the arms of Morpheus, in the sixth round. Len Taglia, 150¾, Utica, and Chet Vinci, 150, Rome, drew, in the eight round headliner.

Left-hooks: Prentiss Hall, Buffalo light-heavy, turned in a good performance at Johnson City on August 28 when he won an eight round bout over Irish Jimmy Mulligan of Lowell, Mass. . . . Lulu Costantino, New York lightweight, hopped over to Albany on August 26 and pounded out a unanimous ten-round decision over Paulie Jackson, Reading, Pa., in the windup at Hawkins' Stadium . . . Wild Oscar Boyd, Buffalo slugger, battered his way to a ten round triumph over Stanley (Baby) Simms, Washington, D. C., on August 6 at Schenectady . . . Ray (Sugar) Robinson needed only six rounds to blackout Vinnie Vines, Schenectady clouter, on August 15 at Albany . . . Old Gunnar Barlund, Finnish boxer, took a ten round decision over Jolting Joe Matisi, Endicott heavyweight, on August 13 at Johnson City . . . It was their second meeting, the first ending in an unpopular draw. . . . Wild Oscar Boyd, Buffalo middle, whipped Buddy Rose, Tampa, Fla., in the six round semi-windup . . . Bemoaning the lack of good heavyweight contenders, Jimmy (The Prognosticator) Alpert, claims Tami Mauriello will go down before the lusty fists of Champion Joe Louis, "before the eighth round" . . . . when they meet in their title match. . . . Fighters who can fight and want good purses for their efforts are welcome to contact the writer at 503 Fellows Avenue, Syracuse 10, New York. . . . Melio Bettina, ex-light-heavyweight king, knocked out Larry Bouchard, Montreal, in the second stanza, at Troy on August 20.

PITTSBURGH FISTIC NEWS

By FRANK T. McQUAIDE, JR.

AN all-star show featuring three eight-rounders and a six was the bill-of-fare presented at the Zivic Arena on August 8, under the promotional banner of Fritzie Zivic.

In the top spot, Billy Bates, rugged local slugger, was floored as the bell sounded the third round by the equally hard punching Buddy Samarco but came back strong to floor Buddy for a nine count in the fourth and again in the fifth, before knocking him out in 1:40 of round five. Billy Bates weighed 132; Samarco, 139.

Allen Thomas and Sammy Schipanni, local boys, appeared in the second eight-rounder and Thomas eked out a split decision over Sammy for the second time in three weeks. Schipanni, boxing beautifully, piled up an early lead but lost it later. Thomas weighed 138; Schipanni, 136.

Billy Smith, 138, Minneapolis, won the unanimous decision over Lucky Black, 136, Pittsburgh, in eight.

Jack Lyons, 171, Latrobe, Pa., using a two-fisted body attack won the unanimous decision over Jimmy Johnson, 172, Homestead, Pa., in six.

Juste Fontaine fought his way back to local fistic prominence on August 12 by scoring a technical knock-out over Mike Raffa, from Newell, West Virginia, in 2:57 of the fifth round at the Zivic Arena.

Fontaine floored Raffa for a nine count with the first blow of the fourth round. A left hook to the head and smashing right uppercuts dropped him twice more for nine counts in the same session. In a dazed condition, the ex-paratrooper answered the bell for the fifth round and Fontaine tried desperately to finish him off. Late in the round a hard right uppercut sent Mike to the canvas again and as he staggered to his feet at the count of nine, Referee Ernie Sesto halted the contest.

Juste Fontaine weighed 135; Raffa, 126.

In the six-round semi-final, Jackie Lyons, 174, Latrobe, Pa., a new Zivic protege, scored an upset by hammering out a unanimous decision over tough Ralph Freedman, 178, West View, Pa.

Al Gaultieri, 128, Washington, Pa., protege of Sammy Angott, kayoed Jimmy Miles, 133, Pittsburgh, in two minutes 15 seconds of the first round of a scheduled six.

Chuck O'Mara, 150, Pittsburgh, won a split decision over Art Kimmel, 145, Altoona, Pa., four rounds; and Russ Semplice, 136, Pittsburgh, won the unanimous decision over Sammy Mastrean, 139, Pittsburgh, in four.

Erv Sarlin, local heavyweight sensation, won a very impressive victory over Buddy Komar of McKeesport, Pa., on August 19, in the ten-round feature attraction at the Zivic Arena. Sarlin, the butcher-boy belter, displayed the style he used in defeating Jackie Cranford in the same ring three weeks ago. He bored in and hit often about the body. Komar was floored for a nine count in the seventh.

Erv Sarlin weighed 183. Komar, 184.

In the six-round semi-final, tough Willie Huff, 178, Clairton, Pa., dropped Lin Brosier, 186, Pittsburgh, for a nine count in the first round but Brosier came back strong to win the second. In the third round, Lin got careless and Huff dropped him again for nine. As Brosier staggered to his feet in a dazed condition, the referee halted the contest awarding Huff the T.K.O. victory. The time was 1:04.

In another six-rounder, Marion Klingensmith, 160, Washington, Pa., protege of Sammy Angott, hammered Tiger Lou Smith, 170, Cincinnati, Ohio, to win the unanimous decision.

Red Cregan, 152, Pittsburgh, looked classy winning the unanimous decision over Jesse Walker, 152, Pittsburgh, in six rounds.

In a four-rounder, Richie Callura, 135, Pittsburgh, knocked out Billy Shelton, 135, Pittsburgh, in 1:09 of the first round and Chuck O'Mara, 151, Pittsburgh, won the unanimous decision over Gus Mancuso, 148, Washington, Pa., in four.

Promoter Bill Dumer presented a boxing show at the Zivic Arena on August 22. In the feature of eight rounds Willie Jenkins, classy local boxer, jabbed his way to a unanimous decision over the veteran Sparky Reynolds of Indianapolis. Jenkins weighed 149 and Reynolds, 147.

In the six-round semi-final, Al Johnson, 160, Indianapolis, scored a T.K.O. over Tommy Brocken, 157, Warren, Ohio. The hard-hitting Johnson pummeled the game but inexperienced Brocken round after round until Referee Mike Hogan halted the one-sided contest in 2:58 of the fifth.

Larry Huff, 153, Pittsburgh, Pa., displayed a lot of class in winning the unanimous decision over Art Kimmel, 147, Altoona, Pa., four rounds.

Junior Hill, 157, Pittsburgh, eked out a split decision over Irish Jack McCahill, 158, Canonsburg, Pa., in a bruising four-rounder and Bolten Ford, 139, Homestead, Pa., made short work of Kid Williams, 138, Braddock, Pa., pounding out a T.K.O. victory in 2:20 seconds of the first round.

UTAH-IDAHO-MONTANA-WYOMING

By CARL E. HAYDEN

LOUIE AUGUST, who established a national reputation as varsity boxing coach at the University of Idaho, has submitted his resignation in writing. An army major, August is now on terminal leave and expects to accept a position with an insurance company at Spokane, Wash. Amateur boxing at Spokane will be bolstered by August's presence.

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Ben has lost only one fight here since being discharged from the U.S. Army, that to Louis Rousse, who outweighed Montabano 17½ pounds.

Montabano is as game as they come. He is not a smart fighter, but a terrific hitter. Hatcher scaled 145½ pounds, Montabano, 146¼ pounds.

Ernie Vigh, Newburgh, N. Y., middleweight, once a top flight Madison Square Garden attraction, recently out of the U.S. Navy, made his first start in several years in a six round preliminary on the Hatcher-Montabano card. Vigh, scaling 160 pounds, scored a technical five round kayo over Warren Corbett, Minneapolis, Minn., when Corbett's handlers heaved the laundry in at the end of the fourth round when Corbett sat in his corner awaiting the bell for the fifth.

Corbett had his left eye cut in the opening stanza. Ernie needs plenty of fighting if he hopes to get back in the main event class with top-notchers.

The show was staged by Heard Ragas and drew a disappointing gate of $3,400.00 net.

Mimmie Adragna, powder punching featherweight, hailing from Pittsburgh, Pa., decisioned Pete Virgin, New York featherweight, in a ten round bout at the Coliseum arena. Pete Hearty, *Item* boxing scribe, credited Adragna with eight of the ten rounds.

Adragna, who has become popular here, lacks a wallop.

Promoter Heard Ragas staged the Adragna-Virgin card and went into the red. The payoff was only $1,700.00 net.

Cosby Linson's old eye cut, received in a bout with Beau Jack several years ago at New York, opened up in the first round of his ten round bout with Louis Rousse at the Pelican Stadium and Rousse was awarded a nine round TKO over the game Linson. Both are local boys.

The Linson-Rousse match had been steamed up as a local natural and Promoter Ragas sensing a tremendous gate, moved it to the Pelican Stadium, instead of staging it at the Coliseum arena. It was another financial flop for Ragas as the show drew the small gate of $3,841.27 net.

Promoter Louis Messina only booked one fistic show for August due to the fact that the Pelican Baseball Club had night dates here on his night date for boxing.

Messina and Matchmaker Lew Raymond signed Phil Terranova, Bronx, New York Italian, to meet Eddie Bertolino, Galveston, Tex., featherweight, in the feature ten, Aug. 19, and postponed it until Aug. 21, when Bertolino injured a finger on his left hand while cranking an automobile. The injured member failed to respond to treatment and the match was canceled. Terranova and Manager Bobby Gleason were disappointed and Messina took a loss of $1,500.00 without staging a fight as he had the entire cast of out of town fighters and managers on the grounds.

Jock Leslie, Lester Krell's little stick of dynamite, has earned new honors. He was crowned Michigan state featherweight champion on Aug. 16, when he scored a five round knockout over Willie Anderson, Detroit, Mich., 126 pounder, who had held the state 126 pound title. The bout was staged at Flint, Mich., Jock's hometown.

Bernard Docusen, Southern lightweight champion, finally got his big time chance at Ebbets Field in New York and lived up to advance notices by scoring a ten round decision over Henry Jordan, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Maxie Docusen, Bernard's kid brother, another sweet fistic prospect, stopped Jimmy Allen, Philadelphia, Pa., in the third round of a six rounder at the Queensboro Arena. The Docusen brothers are managed by Otis Guichet and Bonnie Geigerman. On the same card, Henry Hall, gangling New Orleans Negro light-heavyweight, stopped Ross Strickland, Brooklyn, N. Y., in the third heat.

Pot shots. . . . Joe Johnson, Eunice, La., featherweight, is now in the hands of Sammy Goldman, who managed Pete Herman, when Herman was bantam king and who later piloted Tony Canzoneri to three titles. Allan LaCombe, the boy promoter, who spent four years in Iran as a sergeant in the U.S. Army, is matchmaker for Mrs. Bertha Foster, at Port Sulphur, La. He has staged two shows there. Richard Conaway, manager of Eddie Bertolino and Leroy Pappas, San Francisco, Cal., featherweight, have left for Frisco where they will reside for several months. Pappas accompanied Conaway to the coast.

Pat Donahue, Irish welterweight, who stopped Nick Guagliardo, needs plenty of seasoning. He is not yet ready for tough customers like Ben Montabano and others. Eddie Brun, one of the top trainers here, was rated by the late Jimmy Johnston as one of the ten greatest in the game. Brun has conditioned Jock Leslie for every fight Leslie engaged in here. Fred Digby, sports editor of the New Orleans *Item*, spent his three weeks vacation around Chicago and Notre Dame University. Sonny Horne's defeat by Tony Riccio in ten rounds at Newark, N. J., was no surprise to local fans after Horne's close call from being stopped here in the tenth and final round by light hitting Louis Rousse. Jimmy Webb, Houston, Tex., light-heavyweight, is trying a comeback. He won from Tommy Charles in eight rounds at Houston, Tex., in his first start, Aug. 20. Jimmy Eldridge, Gastonia, N. C., middleweight, will be under the writer's management and make his debut here this month. Jerome and Joe Conforto, former local fighters, are building a new gymnasium which will open soon. Emile Bruneau, former manager and matchmaker, hopes to receive a promoter's license. Ashton Donza, once a great bantam fighter, is still the top third man in these parts. Fighters, unattached, desiring bouts in New Orleans and this vicinity can contact the writer, Broadway Johnny Cox, DeSoto Hotel, New Orleans, La.

New Orleans, perhaps the only city in the United States where Sunday fighting is legal, witnessed a Negro fistic card on September 8 at Pelican Stadium, when Richard (Young) Polite and A. C. Lee, Indianapolis, Ind., clashed in the final ten-round bout of Promoter Louis Messina's fistic card.

Louisiana also allows 20-round fights. The only two states in which 20-round fights are legal are Louisiana and Nevada.

Aurelio Cruz, Mexican featherweight, making his debut here, knocked out Augie Lapara in the sixth round of a scheduled ten-round bout at the Coliseum arena, on August 30. Cruz was down in the first and second but came back to batter Lapara into submission.

The Cruz-Lapara fight saved Promoter Ragas' show from being a flop. The main bout between Pat Donahue and Al Vega, Mexican, was stopped in the seventh round when Vega's nose was bleeding profusely and the commission doctor ordered the bout stopped.

Donahue chalked up his 17th win in defeating Vega.

Lake Charles, La., will have a new promoter soon in Lt. T. I. Owens, attached to the Aviation Corps there.

WEST VIRGINIA NOTES

By MICKEY DAVIES

CLUBS in every major city in the state will be in operation by next month. Hosey Wyer, of Fairmont, is the latest entry into the promotional field, with the Fraternal Order of Police in Clarsburg, busily mapping plans for the first mitt program in years. George K. Brown will re-open at the Market House Auditorium in Wheeling. Huntington's Radio Center Club, after a brief lull, plan to run weekly throughout the winter season.

"My main interest in boxing is to see that everything runs smoothly and legitimately in this state," says Dr. B. W. West, newly appointed member of the three man, state Athletic Commission. "I trust," continues West, "that it will never be necessary for me to penalize or suspend anyone connected with this fine sport here, as has been done in neighboring states."

Dr. West, a prominent Huntington dentist, was appointed to the commission in July by Governor Meadows.

Billy Weeks was stopped by Billy Pappas, on a Harry Hartman show in Cincinnati. Sterling Willey lost a scorcher to Joey Discepoli, on the same bill.

Luther "Buck" Collins, local sportsman and Yours Truly have merged boxing stables. We have some very fine talent. Promoters desiring good fighters, should contact this correspondent at 1822 6th Avenue, or 830 7th Avenue, Huntington, West Va.

Lou Wallach, the former St. Louis promoter, is very busy these days handling a fine group of pugilists. We hear from Lou from all parts of the country, which attests to his ability as a live wire fighter pilot.

Promoter Bee Lynch headlined his boxing bill in Springfield, Ohio, with a ten-rounder, featuring lightweights Sterling Willey and Harry Hart. Hart was awarded the unanimous decision.

The 8-round slugfest between Johnny Protan, 120, and Melvin Pullens, 120, was given to Pullens after a hard fought contest.

Lee Hammond's new middleweight charge, Eddie Miller, is proving quite a headache to the 160 pounders in this section of the country. Miller is an ex-GI, and hails from Dayton.

Prospect of the month—Johnny Protan, Highcoal bantamweight.

Jack Mintz, one of Pittsburgh's "big three," at one time fought in this state under the nom de plume of Jack O'Boyle. Jake was a very good lightweight back in those days, according to the "pilgrims" around the local biff parlor.

BETWEEN THE ROUNDS—Gene Jackson, Richmond welterweight, who is now boxing on the Pacific Coast, will hook up with a local stable soon. . . . Gene is just out of the Marines. . . . Al Ingram, Louisville lightweight, is now being handled by your writer, along with ten other good leather pushers. . . . News from all sections of the state, and neighboring states as well, would be appreciated. . . . Cooper White, please contact me as soon as possible.

The writer can be reached at 830 7th Avenue, Huntington, West Va.

IT HAPPENED IN WISCONSIN

With Pinky Mitchell, Former World Junior Welterweight Champion

MILWAUKEE fight fans paid $14,970 to see Doll Rafferty, 138¼, Milwaukee, turn a previous two round defeat into a ten round victory over Charles Cabey Lewis, 133½, Brooklyn. It was a hot fight all the way. Rafferty found an effective block for Cabey's left hook and took the play away from the Cuban with snappy left jabs. The turning point of the fight came in the seventh round when Rafferty floored Lewis with a powerful right late in the round.

As a special attraction Charley "Killer" Parham, 146¼, Milwaukee, knocked out Torpedo Reed, 145½, Los Angeles, in 2:20, round 6. It was Reed's first knockout in over 60 fights.

Marion Rhoeten, 127½, Milwaukee, beat Butch Maxwell, 130½, Gary, Ind., 6. Charley Busalacchi, 149½, Milwaukee, won over George Feltes, 153½, Milwaukee, 6. Tommy Varsas, 149½, Milwaukee, kayoed Henry Mills, 158½, Gary, 2:20, round 2.

Torpedo Reed is a game fighter and a credit to the boxing game. Stepping out of a taxi cab on fight night he turned his ankle. It was swollen badly at ringtime. The commission doctor did not want to let him go on but Reed insisted he did not want to disappoint the fans and his manager, Lou Tornadene, consented and Reed put up a great fight with his ankle tightly bandaged.

Sam Aaronson, manager of Cabey Lewis, made a lot of friends when he refused to take Rafferty's weight forfeit of $100. Rafferty was two pounds overweight. After the fight Aaronson agreed to post $1000 for a rematch and let it go as a side wager if Rafferty would make 135 for a return go. Lewis is a great little scrapper and can return here any time.

Promoter George Frank did a good job on the supporting bouts for the Rafferty-Lewis card. It was the best set of bouts seen here in a long time. They cost $2000 but every bout was a thriller. That is twice as much as most prelim cards here but the fans sensed it in advance and turned out in force.

Judge Joseph McCarthy who beat Sen. Robert La Follette in the primary for the United States Senate, seldom misses a boxing match. La Follette has been in the Senate since 1905. McCarthy, now 36 years old, as a law student at Marquette University won two amateur bouts. He took a course of boxing lessons from Fred Saddy, secretary of the boxing commission when Fred was Athletic Director of the Eagles. He would have turned professional but Saddy told him to devote his spare time to studying law. The advice proved okay we'd say.

Our boxing commission is the only one in the Union that takes points away from a fighter for foul instead of taking away the rounds. The number of points depends on the damage done or whether it seemed intentional. It is still possible for a fighter to foul and yet win the round in our state.

Although Busalacchi won the decision, Ray Heling's fighter, George Feltes, broke the West Allis Italian's record, which had reached seven knockouts in a row. A good many fans thought Feltes won. A rematch is on the books when Busalacchi's injured hand mends.

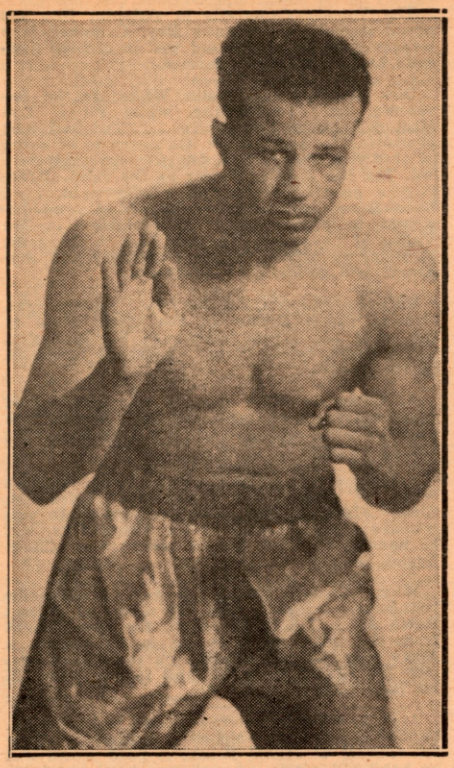
Willie Pep, world featherweight champion, proved conclusively to Milwaukee fight fans that the pre-fight ballyhoo on his ability was not superficial by knocking out Doll Rafferty, state lightweight champion, in 1:10 of round 6. Rafferty, possessor of a flashy left jab, found a greater one in Pep's. For five rounds it was a battle of left hands which at times had Rafferty bewildered. He must have thought the gallery had joined in the fight and were tossing boxing gloves at him too. The end came in the sixth when Rafferty nailed Pep on the chin with a right that made his legs wabble. As Rafferty rushed in for the kill, Pep whipped over a beautiful right that sent Doll down for the nine count. He got up foggy and a left hook on the button ended the fight. Pep weighed 131½, Rafferty 134¼. Referee Dauber Jaeger handled the bout very well.

Matchmaker Al Fain's prelims were all tops with the bar room brawl between Charley "Killer" Parham, 149½, and Artie Brown, 150, stealing the show. Most of the fans thought Parham won but the 8 round verdict was draw. Charley Busalacchi, 150¼, Milwaukee, made it 7 knockouts in 8 fights by knocking out Tommy James, 145½, Chicago, in 1:23, round 3. Robert Earl, 137½, Chicago, put on a sixth round rally to decision Charley Pope, 141½, Milwaukee, and Tommy Varsas, 149, Milwaukee, beat Johnny Dillinger, 143, Chicago, 4.

Fighters in the supporting bouts to the Pep-Rafferty fight were paid $2,500.

Referees, Louis Schultz, Dauber Jaeger. Judges, Ownie Murphy, Les De Camara. Timekeepers, John Eisenman, Dr. B. B. Busby. Gross gate, $24,420.

Joe Landauer, Milwaukee, present chairman of the boxing commission, was reappointed to a six year term by Gov. Walter Goodland, recently.



EDDIE POWELL

EDDIE POWELL, Negro light-heavyweight, fighting out of Seattle, has been tagged as a comer by Homer Amundsen, owner of Seattle's leading gymnasium. Eddie has won four out of his five fights this year, all via the kayo route.

He put the quietus on Jack Wofford in two, Frankie Ogg in four, Jimmy Casino in four, and Gaston Miller in four. He lost his last bout to Charley Eagle in a hard-fought ten-rounder.

Powell's mentor, Bill Gabarino, hopes to get a shot at Joe Kahut, Oregon state light-heavyweight champion, for his boy.

IN OKLAHOMA RINGS

By M. C. DUNCAN

THE Sooner State added Tulsa to its growing list of cities enjoying professional boxing during the past month, as promoters Jimmy Taylor and Art Clark presented their first shows in the Town Coliseum.

Dick Smith, the popular and talented Oklahoma City fireman, started the festivities with his main event TKO victory over Jesse Wilson of Minneapolis. Smith displayed the best fight of his young career as he downed his Minnesota foe for counts of six in the first stanza, nine and eight in round two, and another eight in the third and final round.

The lad that has been hailed by many as the best prospect ever developed in Oklahoma, Irish Mickey Travis, increased his battling average by carving out a six round TKO over Duane Hoag, Wichita lightweight, in the semi-final of this card.

Other results: Tommy Corbett, 147, Minneapolis, knocked out Billy Strunk, 147, Oklahoma City (3). James Enopia, 126, Hawaii, decisioned Baxter Horne, 126, Oklahoma City (4). Eddie Weller, 140, Oklahoma City, knocked out Eddie Sison, 142, Norman (3). Pat McCafferty, 167, St. Louis, decisioned Joe Musick, 165, Oklahoma City (4).

Fistic wars continued in Oklahoma City as Dick Smith won the mythical state middleweight championship in a slam-bang eight-rounder with Jackie Lyons. Both judges and the referee cast ballots in favor of Smith, although most of the fans in Texas League Park seemed to think Lyons should have been the victor.

In the semi-final Joe Mendoza, Corpus Christi lightweight, fell victim to Irish Mickey Travis, Oklahoma City, in a six-round affair.

The supporting card: Billy Strunk, 149, Oklahoma City, decisioned Billy Wilson, 142½, Corpus Christi (6).

Joe Musick, 166½, Oklahoma City, decisioned John Riley, 166, also of Oklahoma City (6).

Paul Keotah, 126, drew with L. R. Jones, 128½, Oklahoma City (4).

James Enopia, 126½, Hawaii, decisioned Joe Amayo, 114½, Corpus Christi (4).

Jackie Lyons returned to his winning ways by attaining a four round knockout over Francis Levier, Topeka, Kansas, on a Tulsa fisticuff program.

The supporting program: Jeep O'Neal, 130, Oklahoma City, knocked out Duane Hoag, 130, Wichita (4).

Joe Musick, 166½, Oklahoma City, drew with John Riley, 166, Oklahoma City (6).

Billy Strunk, 149, Oklahoma City, decisioned J. R. Winkle, 142, Oklahoma City (6).

James Enopia, 126½, Hawaii, knocked out Johnny Wyrrick, 127, Tulsa (1).

Baxter Horne, 126, Oklahoma City, knocked out Bobby Jones, 126, Tulsa (4).

CAULIFLOWER POT-POURRI: Jimmy Taylor, Oklahoma City promoter, has announced that he will do his future promoting in partnership with his cousin, Jack Taylor. . . . The amateurs of the Oklahoma City Boxing Club are rounding into condition under the direction of Trainer Chief Paris. This year's crop of simonpures is headed by national featherweight champion Herschel Acton, Tony Calvi, Kenneth Wiles, Sammy Bayless, Billy Sharpe, Jack McCann, Warren "Butch" Gose, and Gene Land. . . . Jess Thompson has returned as boxing coach for the Cameron Aggies, where he developed many star performers. . . . Toni Calvi, last year's state Golden Gloves champ in the light-heavyweight class, is in top condition and working out under the watchful eye of Tony Sr., himself once quite a lightweight scrapper. . . . Jack-of-all-trades Jake Stephens, the rugged middleweight, plans to take time out from his ring campaigns this autumn and enter Oklahoma City University with journalism his chief interest. . . . The best equipped boxing gym yet seen in Oklahoma now adorns the basement of Oklahoma City's beautiful municipal auditorium. . . . Ever popular in Oklahoma during his amateur days, Ragon Kinney, the Ft. Smith heavyweight, recently turned in his 12th consecutive win in his home city by knocking out Ching Johnson of Memphis.

Items for the column should reach the writer at 613 S. W. 47, Oklahoma City, before the last day of the month. Would especially like to receive with your letters autographed pictures for collection.

ARKANSAS AND OKLAHOMA FLASHES

By CLYDE SMITH

OKLAHOMA CITY — 126 pounds — Darrel Short decisioned Richard Fashik. Leonard Thomas decisioned Billy Shadrick. Robert Nunn decisioned Wayne Prichard.

135 pounds—Sammy Bayless T.K.O.'ed Eddie Herndon, 1. Gene Land T.K.O.'ed Van Jones, 2.

147 pounds—Herschel Acton T.K.O.'ed Norval Prichard, 2. Butch Gose and Al Snipes drew.

160 pounds—E. C. Dotson decisioned Jake Clymer.

Bartlesville, Okla.—Kid Crosby, 152, Bartlesville, scored a T.K.O. over Oliver Hamm, 148, Galveston, Texas, in the fourth round of their scheduled 10.

Oklahoma City — 120 pounds — Bob Douglas decisioned Leonard Thomas.

130—Don Short, T.K.O.'ed Phil Linton, 2. Denver Kerby T.K.O.'ed Jim Self, 3.

135—Robert McCarthy decisioned Robert Hervy. Robert Mann decisioned Jean Yeadon.

145—Butch Morgan T.K.O.'ed Donald Ruminer, two.

Barksdale Field, La.—Bob Gale, 146, Winters, Calif., decisioned Mitchell Griffith, Neon, Ky., 5.

Roy Phillips, 169, Minneapolis, Minn., decisioned Don Myers, 171, Zwolle, La., 5.

Clifton O'Donell, 140, Bossier City, La., decisioned Johnnie Black, 138, Columbia, La., 4.

Barksdale Field, La.—Over 2,000 fight fans watched a Camp Polk, La., boxing team pound out victory over the Barksdale mitt crew.

Walter Steight won a T.K.O. over O'Neil Shannon, 2.

147—Stewart Kerr decisioned Kenneth Keel, 3.

135—Danny Huddleston T.K.O.'ed Herman Almond, 3.

160—Billy Vandiveer decisioned Walter Clinton, 3. Nelson Broussard of Lake Charles, La., outpointed Sidney Blakely of Shreveport in a heavyweight bout, 5.

Pro boxing has been at a standstill the past month. Look for a pick up this fall as Oklahoma City will have a new promoter. Little Rock, Ark., is opening up. L. S. Call will promote. Gladden Harrison will open up the game at Shreveport, La.

Yours Truly Presents: Warren Dean, Richmond, Va., featherweight, a former Golden Gloves Champion of Virginia. Boxing pro, won 22 of 23 bouts.

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UNDER SOUTHERN SKIES

By TOM EPHREM

ROUGH-HOUSE RALPH CALAUTTI of Miami, kept his win streak intact with a ninth-round K.O. over Joey Dunne of Jacksonville, in Promoter Dave White's feature bout at Miami Beach. Calautti scored a half dozen knockdowns over Joey, who was the recipient of foul blows and several head butts that caused injuries to his nose and jaw. Dunne didn't complain but fought back the best he could and received the glad hand from the crowd. Calautti weighed 151, and Dunne 147½. Meyer Seigal, Brooklyn middleweight, was given a two-round K.O. over Johnny Dupree, Tampa, when the latter injured his hand. Buddy Best, Wilmington, N. C., middleweight, slugged out a four-round T.K.O. over Sonny Hope of St. Petersburg. Irish Jackie Hogan (Stackey Rowe), 141, Pittsburgh, received a five-round T.K.O. over Joe Ferrullo, West Orange, N. J., 140; and Schoolboy Sam Santi, Miami, 150, K.O.'ed Ferell Norris, 150, Tampa, in the third.

Vince Gambill, a good bet from El Reno, Oklahoma, K.O.'ed Hal Meredith in one round in Promoter Sam Weinstein's feature bout at Miami. Both are welters. In the semi, Roy Evans, rising Tampa middleweight, beat Jack Patton of Miami. Frank Kearney, 151, Miami, beat Joe Gavlin, 145, Tampa. Frankie Fernley beat Larry Guett in a lightweight mixer, and in another lightweight affair, Tommy Clark stopped Frank Evans.

Latest boxing prospect with promise is Lee Sala, Donora, Penn., middleweight, now scrapping out of Tampa under Pete Andrews. The nephew of Bruno Sala is a very classy boxer and his left jab is a honey. Lee is undefeated.

Billy Petersen, Montana welterweight under Doc Bradley down in Miami, has gone East for some bouts. Likewise Eddie Boden, Miami's undefeated light-heavy. Meanwhile, Red Cameron, another Miamian, expects to reenter pro boxing.

The boxing game in Miami got a shot in the arm when Dave White commenced his activities. North Florida boxers who trek weekly to show their wares on Promoter White's cards, have found him to be a most genial fellow. A better man couldn't promote in Miami.

Chili Cantero finally got the better of Pee Wee Flores after five rounds of scrapping at Tampa. Cantero stopped the little bomber in the sixth round with a crunching blow to the body. Manny Gomez, Tampa welter, took on Johnny Dupree, another Tampan, and gave the latter a boxing lesson. Johnny North, a willing battler, K.O.'ed Red Wilson in the second. Lee Sala, a good newcomer from Donora, Penn., was a T.K.O. victor in four over game Sonny Hope. Both middleweights.

Not a bit discouraged by his three-round knockout at the hands of Jersey Walcott, Tommy Gomez returned to Tampa to resume boxing.

The Tommy Campbells in Atlanta, Ga., are proud parents of a Sonny Boy. Campbell is a welterweight boxer who did well in civilian fisticuffs and later in the Service.

Dick Leonard and Buster White, Jr., of Savannah, are co-promoting, while Pinkie Lou Masters is out of the picture. . . . Ted Ball, now promoting in Asheville, N. C., seems to be doing in that line better than the previous promoters did. Ted has Johnny Taylor as the chief attraction, a good boxer-puncher middleweight. . . . Babe Saunders, Hendersonville, N. C., middleweight, is fighting around Philadelphia. . . . Joe Valdes of Savannah, who has been in the game 20 years as fighter, handler, manager and promoter, will promote in Savannah.

Billy Bannon, Cartersville, Ga., welterweight, stopped Ralph Griffin in the third round at Columbus, Ga. On the same card, Sid Rochester, welterweight, halted Danny (Laverne) Brazeaile, in the second.

At Columbus—Billy Hannon won a six-round decision over Clyde Smith, and Jack Revolta took an eight-round decision from Sid Rochester. They are all welters.

According to a statement from Promoter Dave White of Miami, his sensational 17-year-old, Clyde "Flash" Gordon, a Jacksonville youth who is making big headway in the Resort City, will be handled by Jack Laken, manager of Chuck Taylor.

When Clyde "Flash" Gordon, Jacksonville youngster, defeated Billy Petersen at Miami Beach by a T.K.O. in seven, the boys fought from the third round on up to the end in a heavy rain. Gordon, slipping on the wet canvas, took his boxing shoes off and fought better in his bare feet.

Jack Larrimore, veteran Miami welterweight, handed classy Billy Moore a setback in their ten-rounder at Miami Beach. A good crowd was on hand and got its money's worth. Moore fighting aggressively, sidetracked his boxing ability in this one and seemed to be doing well until the tenth chapter when he landed a foul blow. Larrimore won the fight. Clyde "Flash" Gordon beat Sam Santi in two rounds. Bobby Elliot, another welter prospect, stopped Andy Anderson, 136, in the sixth round. Jack Patton, 160, flattened Chuck Vickers, 165, in the second. Al Crowley, 168, put Bob Youso, 173, away in three. Dave White promoted.

Juan Villalba of Cuba, 138, was impressive in his first start in the States. He stopped Joey Smith, Jacksonville, 136, in the sixth at Tampa. In the semi, Baby Joe Diaz held Joey Puig to a draw in an eight-round featherweight match. Ray "Sugar" Delgado put the halter on Lefty Jim Coleman in four rounds of a featherweight duel. Promising Lee Sala stopped Ray Jackson in the first of a middleweight go, and Tony Rojo decisioned Al Alonzo in a bantam tilt of four rounds.

Buddy Scott stopped Tom Sharkey in eight rounds. Both are Jacksonville boys. It was the second win for Buddy, the first being a 10-round decision over the game Sharkey. Tom was down four times before the bout was stopped.

It's another boy for the Begals in Jacksonville. Mannie Begal, popular ex-fight mentor of Ray Schneider, Eddie Burl, Chino Alvarez, and other Southern worthies, became a daddy again. The little one is Jerome Victor, a six-pounder.

Vince Gambill, El Reno, Oklahoma welterweight, stopped game Steve Sloneski of Savannah in the third round at Miami. Gambill had his man down several times before the curtain rang down in the fatal chapter. Joe Bellotti kayoed Maxie Turner in round two of their middleweight bout. Jose Gavalon, 143, halted Billy Jones, 150, in one. Frank Fernley stopped Bobby O'Day in the second of a lightweight match. Frank Kearney stopped Dwight Miller in one round, both welters. Jack Patton flattened Floyd Templeton in the opening heat of a middleweight bout.

Clyde "Flash" Gordon, Jacksonville welterweight, annexed another knockout to his impressive record and this time Al Reid, a consistent winner from South Carolina, was the victim. Gordon flashed a wicked left hook in the third to dim the lights for his opponent. The winner weighed 143, the loser, 139. Sammy Reid, kid brother of Al, was kayoed by Bobby Elliot in round one. Both are lightweights. It took a four-rounder to star the show for Promoter Dave White. In this, Tommy Clark, 131, and Frankie Fernley, 132, livened their bout with a slugging duel all the way. Buddy Best, 158, Wilmington, N. C., knocked out Harvey Rhoden, 158, Jacksonville, in the sixth round. Jack Patton, local trial horse, won a sixer from Al Gallo, 169.

Joey Dunne, in his first bout after being discharged from the Army, was held to a 10-round draw by Harvey Rhoden, but Dunne seemed the winner in this engagement.

Showing much improved form, Guy Brown, Charlotte, 168 pounder, upset Babe Saunders of Hendersonville in the 10-round main event in Asheville, N. C. Saunders was outweighed by 10 pounds. Ted Ball promoted. Johnny Taylor, on the comeback trail, showed well in knocking out Bob Wingate in round three. Taylor weighed his most, 161, and Wingate 158. Snooks Howard, 131, took a six-rounder from Dick Driver, 138. Morris Hammond's win over Georgie Tanner was not a popular one, although he stopped the latter in the fifth. Both are lightweights. A four-rounder between Ed Sprouse, 130, and J. R. Hardin, 128, was called a draw.

Bobby Britton, popular Miami middleweight, handed the rugged Babe Saunders a beating in registering a seven-round T.K.O. over the North Carolina scrapper. The bout took place in Asheville, N. C.

Roy Evans, Tampa middleweight boxing prospect, won a hard 10-round main event from Eddie Steele, Macon mauler, at Columbus, Ga. Evans put Steele on deck twice during the scrap. He boxed beautifully, relying on a fine left jab and speed to carry him victoriously over the hard-hitting and rugged Maconite.

Boxers wishing to show in Florida and nearby, especially for the coming season, should contact your humble correspondent, Tom Ephrem, 403 West Ninth St., Jacksonville 8, Florida. Please enclose fight record and photo, etc. Will be glad to answer any queries. The fight game in Florida promises to be the best ever this season. Am open to assist fighters and managers and all. Boxing news for "Under Southern Skies" will be gladly accepted and used. Please enclose fight results and dates of each fight show held. Very important.

Orlando Fernandez, Tampa lightweight, settled down after the first round with Wally "Fag" Simmons of Savannah to give the Georgian a pasting and finally end it all in the fifth heat. Popular Lee Sala, Donora, Penn., middleweight, with one of the prettiest left jabs working, plastered Jack Patton with it for seven rounds then turned his attack on Patton's tummy for a kayo in the eighth. Rene Cantero (Manuel Castro) got to Joe Ferrullo for a six-round T.K.O. in a welter go. Joey Smith, Jacksonville, won in a hectic bout over Maxie Turner in the second, both welterweights. Tony Rojo won a fast four-rounder from Raul (Mike) Vega. Both boys looked good.

Vince Gambill couldn't add Sixto Morales to his kayo victims but Gambill did win the 10-round decision to score his third straight triumph at Miami. Vince, of El Reno, Oklahoma, weighed 142 and Morales, of Tampa, 138. The winner forced the scrap all the way. Lee Sala, Donora, Penn., 160 pounder, made Jack Patton, 160, a knock-out victim in the third round. Sala continues unbeaten as a pro. Ernest Nogues, 135, beat Irish Jackie Hogan (Stackey Rowe), 140, in 6. Frankie Fernley, 128, spread Hubert Templeton, 125, to sleep in the first, at Miami.

Rene Cantero, Tampa welterweight, won an eight-rounder from Joey Smith of Jacksonville in Orlando, while Baby Joe Diaz, Tampa lightweight, stopped Johnny Varavue in the third.

Johnny Taylor, Asheville middleweight puncher, put the skids under Red Douglas half way during the first round of their encounter to make it Johnny's second kayo win on his comeback. Taylor now has a record of 13 knockout wins, against two kayo losses, in 15 starts. Al Reid, South Carolina 138 pounder, halted Charlie Morrison of Jacksonville in the second round. Morrison scaled 135. Snooks Howard, 131, outweighed by Sammy Reid seven pounds, won a six-rounder from Al's younger brother. Mark Reid, 138, won from Maurice Hammond, 135, in another sixer.

Savannah fans were in for a neat treat the night when Sid Rochester, a Georgia lad who can't talk or hear, laid local Jack Lisle low in two rounds. Rochester sent Jack to the canvas twice in the second and the local ex-Fifth Army hero could not continue. They are welters.

Floyd Shiflett, lightweight, was too skillful for Eddie Kiernan, a Parris Island marine, and Floyd took the unanimous decision in 8 rounds. Dinty O'Connell, former U. B. A. A. amateur boxer, made his pro debut and gained a six-round decision over Bert Williams of Jacksonville. Loud and dissenting were the fans when Billy Hannon was given the six-round decision over Jacksonville's Jackie Carroll, both welters. It was a good scrap. Elmer Smith, local middleweight, kept his winning streak at three straight when he stopped Rocky Rhoden, Jacksonville, in the first round, at Savannah, Ga.

Taking on his most important assignment, Vince Gambill, El Reno, Oklahoma welter unanimously defeated courageous Bulldog Camagueyano of Tampa in 10 rounds of good fighting in Miami. Jimmy Rodriquez beat Jim Young in a four-round featherweight duel. Ernest Nogues beat Tommy Clark in a six-round lightweight match, while rain halted the others.

Tommy Gargano, Parris Island Marine, left U. S. victorious in his last fight in the States with a nine-round kayo over Harvey Rhoden of Jacksonville before Savannah, Ga., fans. It was a sensational battle until the end. Harvey sur-

vived six downs before going out. Both are middleweights.

Jackie Blount, another Jacksonville scrapper, won the six-round semi from Eddie Kiernan, a battle that had the fans on edge from start to finish. Jackie is a lightweight and Eddie a welter. Elmer Smith, Savannah middleweight, is a good prospect. He scored his second kayo in two pro starts when he halted Bob Wingate. Mickey Dunn, Jacksonville, lost by a T.K.O. to Snooks Howard in the first. Referee Joe Magee stopped the bout. Johnny Breitenbruck, Parris Island Marine boxing coach, only a youngster for the job, got up from from the deck in the first and handed Lester O'Brien a boxing lesson until the fight was stopped when O'Brien broke his thumb.

A badly cut eye forced Ray Delgado, Tampa lightweight, to call it a night with Al Reid, who scored his third T.K.O. in Savannah, the other two being over Hal Meredith.

Elmer Smith, Savannah middleweight and the local find of the year before home towners, scored a knockout win in the second over Morris Moody. Jackie Carroll, young Jacksonville 140-pounder, won clearly by outboxing Terry Lee in a 6-rounder. Pearson DeLoach, Savannah lightweight, subbed for Jackie Blount, Jacksonville, when the boxing commission doctor refused to okay Blount due to a temperature. DeLoach faced Baby Joe Diaz and lost a four-rounder. Billy Brown, Negro, 138, decisioned Willie Lyner, 133, in a four.

Wedding bells rang out for two of Tampa's best youngsters in the fight game, Sugar Ray Delgado, classy lightweight, and Young Chino Alvarez, punching nephew of the one-time lightweight contender Chino Alvarez.

Gene Cummings, Miamian, has an excellent lightweight prospect in Bobby Elliot.

It would be a welcome move in Miami if the rival promoters, Dave White and Sam Weinstein, were to conduct their shows in one place, the Biscayne arena, during the winter.

Jack Larrimore, after upsetting Billy Moore in Miami, trekked to Havana, Cuba, only to be stopped by Gavilan Kid in the third round. . . . Chili Cantero, Cuban feather who became an outstanding ringman in Tampa, returned to his native land for a needed rest. . . . Mario "Chico" Morales, hard hitting Tampa featherweight, suffered a four-round kayo defeat at the hands of Charley Riley in St. Louis. . . . Latest Cuban sensation to Tampa eyes is Juan Villalba, who met such ringsters as Phil Terranova, Jackie Callura, Lorenzo Safora, National Kid, Santiago Sosa, Kid Bururu and others. His debut in the States was made in Tampa when he stopped game Joey Smith in the sixth. . . . Larry Lovett, Negro heavyweight from West Palm Beach, was one of Tami Mauriello's sparmates for the Joe Louis combat. . . . Bernard Docusen, rising New Orleans fistic star, beat Henry Jordan at Ebbetts Field in New York in a 10-rounder. . . . At New Orleans, Jimmy Kidd Hatcher, Sarasota, Florida, welter ace, lost in 10 rounds to Ben Montabana of Birmingham during August. . . . Lew Price is doing the publicity for Promoter Dave White down Miami way. . . . Billy De Foe, of Houston, Texas, is one of the best trainers and cornermen in the game and a veteran in the boxing business.

Joey Raymond, clever boxing Tampa veteran, won a 10-rounder from Juan Villalba, but the loss does not detract from Juan's fine showing against the wily Raymond. It was a sweet scrap and the fans couldn't have asked for anything better than this main event. The boys are welters. Mannie Gomez, back in good graces with the locals, polished off Al Teed, a Savannah boy in two rounds. Johnny North, Frostproof, Florida, lad who seems to be a comer was a T.K.O. winner over Pete Norriega. Johnny Dupree was a knockout winner over Sonny Cotter (or Carter). Terry Lee, local boy, stopped Lewis Henry in the second.

Bobby Britton and Jack Patton battled each other for two sweet rounds but a cut eye kept Patton from starting the third. The house medico, Dr. James McCormick, refused to let Jack continue. Britton was sharp with a sounding left hook to the body. They are middleweights.

Clyde "Flash" Gordon of Jacksonville registered another knockout when Joey Smith went down and out in the first heat. Gordon bears plenty of watching. The boys are welters.

The best fight of the night was between Johnny Decker and Buddy Best. Decker was given a T.K.O. in the 7th after some fancy slugging. These middleweights made the packed Armory forget the early knockouts. Sam Santi disposed of Joe Ferrullo in the third round. Sam had a little too much for Joe. Both welters.

Billy Black and Jack Howard engaged in another welter dish and Black scored a stopper in 2. Frankie Fernley, 133, halted Tommy Clark, 127, in the second also. Dave White promoted.

Herbie "Biff" Jones, a promising Southern featherweight from Fredericksburg, Va., dealt Bud Cottery, rough Indianapolis feather, a pasting in their 10-round match at Chattanooga, Tennessee. Born and raised in the Virginia city, Jones is fighting out of Washington, D. C. He has won 24 bouts in 25 starts.

On the Roy Evans-Eddie Steele go in Columbus, Ga., in which Evans took the nod, the following bouts are included: Sid Rochester kayoed Jack Revolta in six rounds; Billy Hannon took a six-round decision over Larry Lynn in another welter dish; Billy Dixon trumped in a sixer over Harderman Bailey.

RIGHT FROM MEXICO CITY
By SELSSO TIBORRO

AMATEUR fighting cards and illness cases during August resulted in only six professional shows, offered as usual at the El Coliseo.

The fighter of the month was Jorge Robles, a native boy just back from the States and Cuba, who, at 119 pounds, kayoed Leonardo Lopez, 124, featherweight champion of Mexico, in eight cantos.

September promises more activity in the manly art, there being a number of good fights in the making.

Recent results were:

Jorge Robles, 119, T.K.O.'ed Leonardo Lopez, 124, featherweight champion of Mexico, in the eighth round of the ten-round main event. Enrique Lopez, 143, decisioned Aztudillo Kid, 142, in ten.

Monito Flores, 108, decisioned Aztequita Orizabeño, 114, in ten. Babe Zaragoza, 113, kayoed Kudo Ortiz, 114, in the tenth round.

El Conscripto, 138, decisioned Regino Aguila, 143, in ten. Saul Torres, 133, kayoed Tony Guadalajara, 133, in the fourth round of a ten-rounder.

Chilindrina Valencia, 123, T.K.O.'ed Baby Mickey, 123, in the eighth of the ten-round star bout. Jose Luis Perez, 134, decisioned Zarcillo Sanchez, 136, in ten.

Paulino Montes, 134, kayoed Raul Bustamante, 134, in the eighth round of ten. Luis Reyes, 114, decisioned Babe Zaragoza, 113, in ten flights.

Luis Arguelles, 137, kayoed Luis Torres, 137, in seven rounds. Mariano Nava, 135, kayoed Pedro Ibarra, 134, in the sixth round of the ten-round semifinal.

TAMPA AND VICINITY
By VELASQUES

JUAN VILLALBA, Havana, making his first start in a Tampa ring, impressed by giving Joey Smith, New Orleans, a nifty boxing lesson for five rounds before stopping him in the sixth round of a scheduled ten rounder. . . . Joey Puig, Tampa, and Baby Joe Diaz, Tampa, battled eight rounds to a draw. This was a close decision with Diaz getting the nod from one of the judges with the other two voting a draw. . . . Ray Delgado, Havana, knocked out Jimmy Coleman, Jacksonville, in the fourth of a scheduled eight-rounder. . . . Lee Sala, Pittsburgh, floored Ray Jackson, Tampa, as the first round ended and was declared the winner in the second by a knockout when Jackson was unable to come out for the second round. . . . In a four-rounder Tony Rojo, Tampa, won over Al Alfonso, Tampa.

Chico Morales, Tampa, was knocked out in four rounds by Charley Riley, St. Louis, at St. Louis. Morales was no match for the hard punching Riley, who rushed him for three rounds before putting on the crusher. . . . Rene Cantero, Havana, a last minute sub for Juan Villalba, lasted just four rounds against Dave Riley, St. Louis. Cantero was dropped three times in the fourth round and was unable to continue after coming up the third time.

Jersey Joe Walcott, 191, swarmed all over Tampa Tommy Gomez and stopped him in 1:21 of the third round. Gomez made the mistake of rushing Walcott and left himself wide open thus being an easy target for Jersey Joe. Gomez was down and out as the second round ended and barely made it for the third round. Gomez got up after taking a hard right to the jaw and took a hard blow to the head that left him in no condition to continue.

Bobby Williams, 138, Leesburg, Fla., lost an eight-rounder to Lulu Costantino, 135, New York, in the main eventer at Long Beach, N. Y.

Elmer Ray, 194, Hastings, Fla., knocked out Lee Savold, 200, Paterson, N. J., in 1:39 of the second round at Ebbets Field, Brooklyn, N. Y. This was K.O. 39 in a string of 44 consecutive wins piled up by Ray. Most of Ray's opponents have been pushovers, thus making his record spotty.

Orlando Fernandez, Havana, stopped Fags Simmons, Georgia, in five rounds of a one-sided bout that saw Simmons take a terrific pasting before the referee called a halt midway in the fifth round. . . . Lee Sala, Tampa, added another K.O. to his list by stopping Jack Patton, New Orleans, in seven rounds. . . . Rene Cantero, Havana, and Joe Ferrullo, Newark, put on a slow bout that went to Cantero in the sixth round on a T.K.O. . . . Joey Smith stopped Max Turner in the second round when Turner was in no condition to continue after a wild swinging first round. . . . Tony Rojo and Raul (Mike) Vega, both of Tampa, put on a fast four-rounder with Rojo getting a 2-1 verdict.

Shamus O'Brien (Jimmy Riley) Tampa, now fighting out of New York, dropped an eight-rounder to Jimmy Carollo, New York, at Dexter Park Arena, N. Y.

Jack Larrimore surprised by winning over Billy Moore in ten rounds at Miami. On the same card Bob Elliot, Miami welter, added another K.O. to his list by stopping Andy Anderson in six rounds.

Sixto Morales, 138, Tampa, lost to Vince Gambill, Oklahoma, in a ten-rounder at Miami. . . . Lee Sala, 160, Tampa, knocked out Jack Patton, 160, New Orleans, in three rounds in the semi windup.

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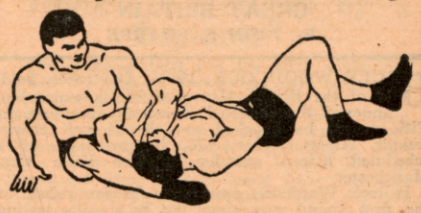

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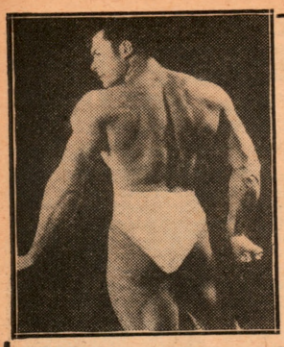

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TIMELY CHATTER FROM GREAT BRITAIN

By JOHN S. SHARPE

BRUCE WOODCOCK, 195½, Doncaster, holder of the British Heavyweight Championship, annexed the so-called European Heavyweight Title, when he knocked out the French heavyweight, Albert Henet, 173, in the sixth of a scheduled fifteen rounder at The Belle Vue, Manchester.

It took Woodcock some time to get going, as the first round was spent by both men feeling each other out, and with no heavy blows landing.

In the third round Woodcock cut loose, tearing into his Southpaw opponent and let go a terrific right to the Frenchman's heart, which took all the wind out of the latter's sails. Renet came back fighting furiously, only to be met with more hard punches from the Briton.

The fourth session saw the Frenchman still full of fight, and he bounded out of his corner as the gong sounded to slug with Woodcock, who waited for an opening. Woodcock smashed a terrific right uppercut which sent the Frenchman crashing to the boards, and it can truthfully be said that there wasn't a soul in the hall who expected to see him beat the count; but beat it he did, rising at nine, and he came forward prepared to do battle again, confident that Woodcock couldn't knock him out.

Renet came up for the fifth, strong and fresh, but was again floored by a magnificent punch, this time for eight, rising slowly, and using his ringcraft to stay out of further trouble during the remainder of the round.

The sixth session saw Woodcock anxious to finish matters, and the British Champion piled on speed, and tore into Renet with a terrific one-two punch, which floored the latter for nine. He arose only to receive three more lefts to the chin, and was down again, miraculously rising at eight. The Frenchman gamely dragged himself to his feet, but it was obvious that the end was in sight. Another smashing right from Woodcock, and the Frenchman collapsed flat on his face on the canvas, this time for the fatal ten.

With this victory, the claim goes forward that Woodcock is now the European Heavyweight Champion. It seems odd to this scribe, as Renet never held the European title in the first place (and Olle Tandberg of Sweden is considered the best big man on the Continent) so how could Woodcock have won it from Renet of France???

Henry Hall, of Sheffield, seemed extremely unlucky to be disqualified in the seventh of a scheduled ten rounder, against Gwyn Williams, of Wales.

The contest had been interesting all along the line, although Hall had received one warning from Referee Tommy Watson, to keep his punches higher. This was during round six.

Round seven saw both lads mixing it in the center of the ring, when the referee suddenly halted the bout, and disqualified Hall for an alleged low blow, naming Williams the winner.

Stan Hawthorne, of North Shields, won a good bout, when he defeated Bob Roberts, of Northwich, the latter retiring in the fourth of a scheduled ten rounder, with a badly cut left eyebrow.

Roberts had taken severe punishment before the injured optic put him out of the running.

Pierce Ellis, of Manchester, outpointed Eric Powell, of Chadderton, in 8 rounds in a fierce, interesting bout. Harry Humphries, of Wales, knocked out Alan Shaw, of Stockport, in the second of a scheduled six rounder.

Ike Williams, American National Boxing Association lightweight champion, knocked out Ronnie James, British titlist, in the ninth round of their scheduled fifteen-round title bout held on September 4, at Cardiff, Wales. Williams weighed 134¾, James 134¼.

The Trenton, N. J., Negro was overweight only two hours before the official weighing in but managed to take off one pound ten ounces by strenuous exercise. Heavy rain had drenched Ninian Park all day before the bout.

Williams completely outclassed his Welsh opponent.

He floored the stubborn James for a nine-count in the seventh round, and put him down twice again in the eighth, the first time for an eight count, the second for nine.

Williams kayoed him with a smashing right hook to the chin. James made a gallant attempt to beat the count and was almost up, with one glove just touching the canvas, when the referee counted ten.

Williams really cut loose in the seventh, after seemingly toying with his opponent during the early rounds. The American was unhurt, although he took a damaging right to the face that made him sway slightly in the sixth.

Jock Bonas, of Bolton-on-Dearne, knocked out Johnny McMaon, of Bradford, in the fifth of a scheduled ten rounder, at Mexborough.

Fred Kendall, of Dewsbury, outpointed Jim Miller, of Leeds, in an eight. In six rounds, Frankie Bourne, of Normanton, defeated Sammy Groom, of Merthyr, the referee calling a halt in the last session. Jim Brannon, of Leeds, drew with Joe Patterson, of Castleford, in six rounds. Harry Moore, of Dewsbury, knocked out Roy Beevers, of Normanton, in the sixth and last round.

Ginger Ward, of Merthyr, defeated Boyo Burns, of Nolton, in the chief contest of eight rounds, the referee calling a halt in the fourth round, when Burns had sustained a badly cut eye.

In the main supporting bout, at Cheadle, Linton O'Niell knocked out Jackie Brown, of Stockport, in the fourth.

Al Gamage, of Crewe, defeated Billy Murphy, of Wales, in the seventh, when the referee called a halt. Jack Harding, of Cheadle, knocked out Joe Ward, of the R.A.F., in the first of a scheduled six rounder.

Johnny Toohig, 142, of Croydon, defeated Jock Kennedy, 150, of Doncaster, in ten rounds, at Rickmansworth.

Kenny Green, of Croydon, defeated Pat Crawford, of Aylesbury, in eight rounds.

Billy Armstrong, 147, of Manchester, defeated Alf Taylor, 145, of Warrington, at the Engineers Club, West Hartlepool, when the latter was disqualified in the fourth of a scheduled ten rounder, for an alleged low blow.

Taylor was slightly ahead on points at the unfortunate end.

Mickey Malone, of Dundee, outpointed Jack Lee, of Consett, in ten rounds, in the chief supporting bout.

Darkie Lawton, of West Hartlepool, reversed a previous decision, when he outpointed Tom Downey, of Sunderland, in eight rounds. Jack Hart, of West Hartlepool, knocked out Pat Elsden, of West Hartlepool, in the second of a slated six rounder, while Ralph Dunn, of Seaton Carew, outpointed Tommy Sharpe, of West Hartlepool, in six fast rounds.

Billy Thompson, the undefeated Hickleton Main Lightweight, proved too hard a puncher for Harry Hughes, of Glasgow, for although the latter retired with a cut eye at the end of the fifth round of their scheduled ten at Newcastle, Hughes was a very badly beaten fighter.

Peter Cook, of Glasgow, beat Irdris Jones, of Wrexham, the referee calling a halt in the fifth of a scheduled eight. Tug Fawcett, of Newcastle, drew with Harry Lawrence, of Bournemouth, in eight rounds. Dick Grant, of Barnsley, outpointed Joe Collins, of Low Fell, in a second fight, while a third bout over the same distance saw Len Harrison, of Barnsley, outpoint Andy McKenzie, of South Shields.

Harry McCoy, of Darlington, knocked out Roy Brandon, of Gateshead, in the second round.

Gunner Mayo Smith, 148, of Guildford, knocked out Freddie Gibson, 147, of Southampton, in the fourth of a scheduled ten round contest, at Woking.

Gibson did his best to keep out of the way of Smith's lethal punches, but succumbed to a left and a right.

Ivor Simpson, of Basingstoke, knocked out Jerry Nagle, of Cork, in the fifth of a scheduled ten round go. The contest was very one-sided, and the kayo came as no surprise.

Freddie Chapman, of Woking, kayoed Bobby Baines, of Harrow, in the fifth round.

Harry O'Grady, of Aylesbury, outpointed Trevor Lowder, of Bramley, in eight rounds while Allen Spenar, of Waltham, outpointed A/C Cottrell (RAF) in a four.

Stan Rowen, 119, of Liverpool, knocked out Joe Collins, 117¾, of Dublin, in forty-nine seconds, including the count, at the Stadium in Liverpool.

A hard right performed the feat, and the Irish lad, who holds both the fly and bantamweight championships of Eire, collapsed to the canvas to be counted out.

Paddy Dowdall, 127, of Dublin, outpointed Jimmy Stubbs, 126¼, of Runcorn, in ten rounds. Ronnie Smith, of Birmingham, and Billy Kenrick, of Widnes, drew in an eight rounder. Emmett Kenny, of St. Helens, defeated Frank Delaney, of Widnes, the referee calling a halt in the first of a scheduled six rounder, when Delaney suffered a badly cut eye.

Tommy Carey, of Birkenhead, knocked out Jesse Birtwhistle, of Bolton, in the fourth of an intended six rounder.

Jack Coles, 132 lbs. of Tiryberth, outpointed Vernon Ball, 130½, of Cymparc, in ten rounds, at Ton Pentre, when they met in the final eliminations for the Welsh Lightweight Championship.

Coles was always superior, and the referee had no hesitation in awarding him the decision at the close, by what must have been a comfortable margin.

Dick Lewis, of Tylorstown, knocked out Billy Rees, of Wolverhampton, in the third of a scheduled ten. Rees was a last minute substitute for Gilbert Hughes, of Merthyr.

Tommy Jones, of Derby, knocked out Cyril Wills, of Deri, in the seventh of a scheduled ten. Phil Freeman, of Markham, knocked out Idris Lazenbury, of Caerphily, in the fourth of a scheduled eight. Roy Stokes, of Tonyrefail, outpointed Gilbert Phillips, of Blaenavon, in six rounds, and Freddie Evans, of Cymmer, knocked out Eddie Purchase, of Gilfach, in the second of a six rounder.

Jordan Tarone, 142½, of West Africa, knocked out Jack Heaton, 142, of Rugby, in the fifth of a scheduled eight round bout at Torquay.

Tarone floored Heaton for three long counts before applying the coup-de-grace.

Dick Johnson, of Skegness, drew with Paddy Flynn, of Ireland, in an eight rounder. Johnny Price, of Manchester, retired at the end of the first of a scheduled eight rounder with Alf Edwards, of Birmingham, with a damaged hand. Emlyn Jones, of Wales, beat Fred Cook, of Pengan, in six rounds. Don Hoole, of Plymouth, gave away over 28 lbs. in weight, and knocked out B. Bein, of Bournemouth, in the fifth of a six rounder.

Des Jones, 161, of Wales, won a ten round decision from Bert Sanders, 152, of Kilburn, at the Mile End Arena.

Tony Tofiele, 144, of West Ham, defeated Frank O'Connor, of Ireland, the referee calling a halt at the end of the third round, when O'Connor had taken much punishment. The fight was slated for ten stanzas.

Freddie Sorrell, of Bethnal Green, outpointed Bob Hickey, of Edgware, in eight rounds. Dick Langley, of the RAF, defeated Les Haycock, of Stamford Hill, the referee calling a halt in the second of a scheduled six round contest. Steve Osborne, of Bethnal Green, knocked out Frankie Perera, of West Africa, in the second of a scheduled six rounder. Bobbie Derk, of Stratford, outpointed Jim Smith, of Croydon, in six rounds.

Freddie Mills, British Cruiserweight Champion, was like a tiger let loose when the bell sounded for the start of his scheduled ten round contest against John Nilsson of Sweden at the Withdean Stadium, Brighton.

Jack Solomons, who promoted the show, saw Nilsson kayo Tom Redington, of Balford, in Sweden, and thought that this tough Swede would make a formidable opponent for Freddie.

The contest was over at 2:57 of the first round, and in that short time Mills was a fighting fury, and gave Nilsson very little chance to show his worth.

Yrjoe Pitulainen, welterweight stablemate of Nilsson, gave a polished display when he battered Johnny Watters of Ireland in their scheduled eight rounder. In the second session Watters was so far outclassed that the referee stopped the contest in the Swede's favor.

Peter Kane, of Golbourne, made a welcome return to the ring when he met Jackie Hughes of Wales, Peter, although not showing his old crisp punching of a few years back, nevertheless showed that it won't be long before he will be meeting the leading bantams.

The contest ended in the fifth round when the referee ruled out Hughes for persistent holding.

Billy Hazelgrove, of Brighton, clearly outpointed Jimmy Webster, the South African Bantamweight Champion, in eight rounds. Chris Adcock, Rochdale, outpointed Douglas Bygrave, Norwich, in an interesting six round bout.

Terry Allen, 109¾, of Islington, cleverly outpointed Les Johnson, 112½, of Finsbury Park, in an eight at the Wembley Town Hall.

A capacity crowd was treated to a good scrap, with the fast moving Allen winning each of the eight rounds by his clever boxing.

Jack Lucraft, 122, of Islington, made his first professional appearance in Great Britain since returning from Australia with the Royal Navy. Lucraft well beat his tough opponent, George Simmonds, 126½, of Bermondsey, in six rounds.

Jack Mansell, of Hull, the clever ex-amateur, was overmatched in his first pro contest and was defeated by Billy Marlow, of Battersea, in a six round bout. Stan Hibbert, Battersea, and Tommy Kelly, Derby, put up a grand battle be-

fore the referee called a halt in Hibbert's favor, after Kelly had taken several counts. Vic Manini, Willesden, scored a clean cut knockout over Wally Davis of Notting Hills, when a hard right connected with Davis' chin in the second round.

The passing of two popular boxing figures was mourned recently. Benny Lynch, of Glasgow, passed away at the age of 33.

Lynch won the flyweight title in 1935, defended it three times and forfeited the championship on the scales when he met Jackie Jurich, of America, in 1937. Chief mourners were Mrs. Lynch and two sons. Over 2,000 people lined the route to pay tribute to a grand little fighter.

The end of a great partnership was broken up with the passing of Dick Gutteridge, one of the famed Gutteridge Twins.

At every big show the Gutteridge Twins acted as official seconds, and were hard to tell apart.

In a middleweight contest slated for ten rounds at Swansea, Tommy Davies, 161, Welsh Middleweight Champion, defeated Alby Hollister, 161¾, of Islington, when the latter retired at the end of the eighth round. His left eye was completely closed.

Cliff Curvis, 126, the clever Swansea Southpaw, avenged his only defeat when he defeated Frank Williams, 127, of Birkenhead, by a big margin in their eight round contest. Ron Cooper, 161¾, Pyle, knocked out Wally With, 164¾, Islington, in the fourth of an eight round contest. Jack Kiley, Swansea, outpointed Billy Hazelgrove, Brighton, in eight rounds.

Alf Hughes, 113, West Hartlepool, gained a narrow points victory over Les Johnson, 114, of London, in a twelve round contest at West Hartlepool.

Joe Kay, of Horwich, caused a sensation in his bout with the local Paddy Ross, for as soon as the bell sounded he sent a hard right to the jaw of Ross, and the latter was put down for a short count. On rising, Ross was just an easy target for Kay's right handers, and in less than one minute of the first round, he was counted out.

Billy Stevens, 154, Tillycoultry, stopped Jimmy Moore, 148½, of Birkenhead, in the seventh of a ten round contest at Johnny Best's Liverpool Stadium.

The end came suddenly, as Moore had seemed to fathom the unorthodox methods of Stevens, when the latter unleashed a long left swing to the jaw, followed by a right to the body, which put Moore on the canvas to be counted out.

Battling Hai, of France, again demonstrated to Bob Ramsey, of Stepney, that he is his master in all points of boxing, for the Negro Frenchman clearly outpointed Ramsey in ten rounds at Brighton.

Mark Hart, Croydon, scored an impressive victory over Arthur "Ginger" Sadd, of Norwich, in their eight round contest.

Eddie "Bunty" Doran, 118¾, of Belfast, was too strong for the clever West Ham bantam, Jimmy Webster, 122½, who was forced to retire at the end of the sixth round of a bout scheduled for eight.

Al Marson, 174, Poplar, outpointed Jack Crosby, 178, Nottingham, in eight rounds at the Mile End Arena.

Don Smith, of High Wycombe, outpointed Dave Harris, Bournemouth, in a ten spot. Len Bailey, Stoke-on-Trent, defeated Teddy Larkham, Brentford, when the latter was ruled out for hitting with the open glove, in the fifth of an eight round bout.

Eric Powell, Manchester, won a good contest when he outpointed Tommy McGlinchey, Glasgow, in ten rounds at Hoker, Sunderland.

In a bantamweight contest of eight rounds, Charlie Kerr, Glasgow, won on points from Jackie McCall, of Jarrow.

NEWS FROM WINNIPEG AND VICINITY

By AL GREENBERG

PRO BOXING is in for a great season throughout Western Canada. With promoters busy lining up cards for Winnipeg, Regina, Calgary, Edmonton and Vancouver, a busy season is in store for this section of the Dominion.

Paul Schiffer is all set to operate in Winnipeg. The loophole in Paul's promotion is getting a suitable opponent to meet his headliner, Arnold Hayes, Negro heavyweight from Montreal.

George Cote, 158 pounds, and Wilf Dejardins, 145 pounds, two Winnipeg lads, journeyed to Vancouver to make their pro debuts. Cote outscored Wayne Parker in four rounds and the following week outclassed Davey Arndt in six. Dejardins trounced Chester Orr in four and downed Franky Ral of Seattle in six.

Franky Wolfram, one of the better Winnipeg fighters in the early 30's, was a visitor in town recently. Franky is now residing in Detroit.

All unattached fighters, especially bantams, seeking work in Winnipeg, should contact Al Greenberg, 415½ Manitoba Ave., Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada.

FROM TRINIDAD, B.W.I.

By RONALD H. PINHEIRO

HERE is the latest boxing results. The large crowd that entered the Mucurapo Stadium on August 8, to witness Promoter George Whitehead's all-star boxing card, received a rude shock when their local fistic idol and cruiserweight champion of the British West Indies, Gentle Daniel, suffered his first defeat in his boxing career when Jota Jota Hernandez, Venezuelan middleweight champion, stopped him via the T.K.O. route in the third round.

Daniels, who scaled 166 pounds, 10½ more than his rival, was floored for the first time as a professional, by a stinging right hook over the heart. The champ cut a pitiful figure as he staggered back to his corner at the bell. Twice in the second round he hit the canvas for the counts of eight and nine. In the third he staggered all over the ring with the Venezuelan ace connecting his right hooks at will. Trainer Douglas did the right thing in tossing in the towel.

In another ten-rounder, Young Fearless Freddie, son of the one-time champion Fearless Freddie, showed that he, too, was on his way to big things when he T.K.O.'ed Ralph Garcia, Trinidad's No. 1 featherweight, in the tenth round. Though losing, Garcia was game and the crowd cheered him for his courage. Freddie scaled 129, Garcia 129½.

In the semi-final, Young Abrigo, flyweight and bantamweight champion of British Gufana, outpointed Don Gibbons of Trinidad in eight rounds. Abrigo was master of the situation to the end. By this victory he is entitled to meet Baby Face Daniel, bantamweight champion of Trinidad. Gibbons scaled 119 to Abrigo's 113.

In the opening bout, Gunga Din, 125½, scored an easy victory over Ulric Graham, 126, over four rounds.

BOXING IN CUBA

By MILT BARON

GAVILAN KID, Cuba's lightweight king, scored decisively in ten rounds over Hankin Barrows of Panama. Gavilan hit the Panamanian with everything but the bucket and won by a mile. The Cuban fought as a welterweight.

Rolando Delgado, in the semi-windup, scored a four round knockout over Manolito Kid of Mexico.

Lino Garcia, Cuba's fast rising featherweight, surprised all by an easy triumph over Diego Sosa in the main bout at the Sports Palace in Havana. Lino put it all over his more experienced rival.

Eligio Alvarez (alias "Cayuco") drew in the eight round special with Manuel Garcia. These featherweights put up a whale of a scrap. Mario Montero, Havana Electric Company idol, outpointed Armando Vaquero in six rounds of good milling.

Jose Garcia Alvarez, Spanish Welterweight Champion, was awarded a victory by a "foul" over Meyer Spiegel of Brooklyn. Spiegel was in good shape, but in the second round he let loose and hit Alvarez four low punches which left the Spaniard in such a condition that Referee Espinosa simply gave the fight to Alvarez.

Luis Godoy promoted the Spiegel-Alvarez fight, and has high hopes of making Alvarez a big attraction.

Carlos Garcia, Havana Electric Company idol, won a good six rounder from Salvador Castro. Garcia is trained by Hilario Garcia, and looks like a future star.

Baby Chichi, dusky lightweight, on the comeback trail, looked good in a six round victory over Armandito Labarrere.

Manolo Sanchez, former Cuban welterweight champion, idol of the Omnibus Gang, scored a three round kayo over Aguilera. Sanchez wants a shot at the title.

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WITH THE VIRGINIA PUGILISTS

By DAVID HARTMAN

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Hooks and Jabs: Mason Taylor and Norman Witkins, local sportsmen, are planning on a revival of boxing in Charlottesville, Va., with the first card slated for this winter. To: Joseph Triolo, Albany, N. Y.; The John Zan Athletic Club, Morgantown, W. Va., and Anderton and Lazarov Boxing Club, Memphis, Tennessee: all correspondence has been forwarded to Jackie Levinson. . . . "Bus" Jones, owner of "The City News Store," reported a complete sale of all RING Magazines the same day they were put on sale.

Virginia's boxing news and matters of fistic interest are very much welcomed by the writer, whose address is: 511 N. 1st Street, Charlottesville, Va.

AKRON, OHIO, BOXING

By TOMMY MAXWELL

THE Century Boxing Club presented an All-Star card of eight-rounders on August 15 at the Akron Armory. In the feature event, Leroy Jackson, Cleveland's classy lightweight, defeated Billy Miller of Alliance, O., by a T.K.O. in five rounds. In the semi-final, Leroy Lawson, Detroit heavy, stopped Jack Trammell in two rounds. In the other eights, Chet Martin, Akron K.O. artist, broke Billy Marshall's jaw in the seventh round and Leo Garrett of Cleveland, O., K.O.'ed Joe Chaffee of New York in two rounds. In the opener, Frankie Janiro, K.O.'ed Danny Hill of Buffalo, N. Y., in two rounds.

Canton, O.—Ralph DeJohn won by K.O. over Eddie Thomas in three rounds. Jimmy Fitzjames won over Bearcat Jones in eight. Gene Finks of Akron won over Dan Gardner of Buffalo, heavyweight, by a K.O. in two. Eddie Bell, Canton lightweight, won over Elliot Troop of Buffalo, by a K.O. in three.

Canton Armory—Vince Turpin, Canton's fast-stepping welter, evened the score with Harvey Dubs of Windsor, Can., with a surprise ten-round victory. The fans are starting to turn out and Canton will soon be back among the top boxing centers of the country.

Eddie Bell again came through with a win over Kid Chocolate of Akron for his fifth in five pro fights. Ernie Peliai, tough Detroit welter, scored over Tiger Jackson of Akron in six and Ira Turpin, kid brother of Vince, won over Steve Ladell of Cleveland.

Akron Armory—The Century Club ran into another bloomer in their main bout, but came through with one of the greatest under cards ever presented here. In the top bout, Chuck Hunter stopped Bobby Berger in the second round.

In the semi-final, Akron's great little fighting machine, Dave Marsh, scored an eight-round win over Leo Garrett, tough Cleveland lightweight, in as good a bout as has ever been staged anywhere. The two kids battled every second of the way and each received plenty of applause.

In another great fight, Akron's Freddie Bernhart defeated Bobby Root, Cleveland lightie, in a real slugfest. Art Kimmell, lanky Pittsburgh, Pa., welter, edged out a close win over Youngstown's Lalo Berezo in another whirlwind affair. In the opener, Emil Tanner, veteran Youngstown lightweight, won over Kid Williams of Braddock, Pa.

A boy who is going places is Mike Birskovich, rough, tough, belter out of nearby Niles, O. In his last two bouts, Birskovich scored knockouts over Russ Baxter and Billy Walker. The Niles kid is plenty rough and is a real crowd pleaser. If not rushed too fast, he may wind up near the top in another year.

Don Hale and Jimmy Rice have one of the best pro-amateur stables in this district. The amateur boys are fighting all over the country and in great demand. The professional end is making great strides with Dave Marsh leading the parade with knockouts over Boston's Tommy Greb, and Johnny Chapman and wins over Leo Garrett, Billy Miller, Bobby Timson in recent weeks. Marsh has also knockouts over Stan Cieslik, Chuck Floyd, Art Jackson and Al Reeves to his credit. His only loss was to Leroy Jackson in one of the greatest fights ever seen in this city. The stable's other two promising pros are Freddie Bernhart and Eddie Elton. Bernhart's recent wins have been over Bobby Root, "Irish" Ray Miller and Harry Hart. He has a draw with Bobby Timson and lost to Hart. As for Elton, this coming middleweight will be heard of soon. His recent K.O.'s were over Lou Rego, Ira Hughes and wins over Ben Skelton and Dan Kelly. No promoter can go wrong with the Hale-Rice combine.

Charlie Riggs, latest sensation in these parts, is one of the most pleasing heavyweights to turn pro in a long time. In five pro fights, Riggs has K.O.'ed Art "Bomber" Brown, Jack Tallman, Jimmy Van, defeated Charlie Brant and lost a close decision in a great fight with Jimmy Anderson at Chicago.

Another Akron boy who is going good is hard-punching Chet Martin. Martin is under the management of Curley Young. He has scored knockouts over his last two opponents, Johnny Chapman and Billy Marshall.

Charlie Roth, Akron heavy, lost two tough ones the past month, suffering eye cuts in bouts with Erv Sarlin and Eddie Ownsby.

Joe Basco, veteran local boxing manager, is still one of the busiest in the game. Joe has several boys now boxing in South Africa and is sending three more over headed by Gus Mullner, Cleveland heavyweight. Here at home he has his boys busy at all times.

Shamus McCray has fourteen wins in as many bouts. Jimmy Drain, Tony Rios, Pedro Zamarippi, Tiger Jackson and Kid Chocolate are also winning regularly for Basco and fighting often.

AT THE CENTURY A.C. OF BALTIMORE

By DAVE KREUTER

HATCHETMAN CURTIS SHEPPARD was on the warpath down at the Century Club on August 12. From the very moment he stepped into the ring until he flattened Odell Riley in the sixth round, Curtis was out to gain revenge for the defeat plastered on his record because of their last encounter, although Riley was out cold at the finish of that one too.

It looked as if Sheppard was going to send the capacity crowd of over 5,000 fans home early as he connected in the very first round with a right cross to Riley's head, sending him to the canvas for a nine count, but the Detroit boy weathered the storm and came back strong to take the next three rounds by a large margin.

In the fifth, Curtis gave Riley everything he had to offer in the way of punches, but the latter refused to go down. It looked as if it might be the type of fight where each battler would take turns "killing" his opponent, but the Philadelphia Hatchet soon ended that premonition by knocking out Riley with a left hook in 1:56 of the sixth stanza.

Tony Longo and Johnny Caster engaged in the best preliminary of the night in their four-round tussle with the former emerging the victor by virtue of an unanimous decision.

In sixes: Al King took a unanimous vote from Freddie Wilson, and Chappie Manning ko'd Jesse Lang.

In fours: Frankie Les and Johnny Clinton fought to a draw which also was the result of the Mike Yukas-Charley Madison encounter.

Archie Moore looked like the Archie Moore of old tonight as he ko'd Buddy Walker, Columbus, Ohio, heavyweight, in the fourth round of their scheduled ten round bout. For the second consecutive week a packed house of over 5,000 fans were on hand to witness the evening's proceedings.

Moore was just too smart for his opponent as he bobbed and weaved to perfection so that nary a punch did he take with the exception of two spurts by Walker in which he cornered the California boy against the ropes. In the third round, Buddy went down twice. The second time he was saved by the bell. Walker almost survived the next round but this time the bell came twenty seconds too late.

Buddy Walker tipped the scales at 196¾ while Archie weighed in at 173½.

In the best fight of the evening Billy Richardson, 139½, eked out a split decision over Bobby Lee, 138, in six heats.

In a special five-rounder, Little Rup, 137, came from behind to hold George Neubeck, 138, to a draw.

In fours: Joe Poodles and Ray Klingmeyer knocked out their respective opponents, Fred Bailey and Red Nixon; and Walter Michaels took a unanimous decision from Maurice Nelson.

Deacon Johnny Brown, a 5 to 1 underdog, sent the crowd home early as he opened a cut over the eye of Bert Lytell in the first round of their ten-round bout at the Century Club on September 2, and kept working on it until the fight finally had to be stopped at the end of the second session.

Lytell, who hails from Oakland, California, weighed in at 154½ while the local favorite tipped the scales at 168¼.

In the prelims—Leo Matriciani, 203, also won by a T.K.O. over Dan Biggers, 192, in a six-round semi-windup; and Al Cortez, 156, bested George Williams, 155½, in another six.

Petro Bass, 160, took a unanimous decision from Walter Bantum, 161, in a four, while Mike Yukas, 135½, and Charley Madison, 138, fought to a draw in the opening four-rounder.